



# P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## GROUP NEWS

### Jumble Sale

**In total we made £510 for both Sales.** Thanks to the following helpers:

Lisa Sharp, Caroline Bunn, Maxine Cracknell, Vanessa Tandy (and her daughter), Pauline Patel, Julia Scott, Jackie Darg, Sheila Stinton, Maureen Hoggarth, Teresa Robins, Sue Giles, Avril Broadley, Chris & Pam Tarleton, Clive Hunt, Ray Webb, Chris Carr, David & Sarah Ellis, Jane Courtier

Following Scouts also assisted with setting up on Friday nights, policing the car park and clearing up: Thomas Tandy, Matt Sharp, Tom Bunn, Marcus Cracknell, Mark Courtier, Harry Wright, Kieran Patel

Plus the Scouts / Parents who delivered the Jumble Sale Notices, before the first Sale

**Special Thanks goes to Jackie Wright & Mick for organising the event**

October 2006



### Harvest Festival

Don't forget we are holding our Annual Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church (On the old Henley Road). We hope that all Beaver, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders, Leaders and their families will be able to attend.

Date: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 – 3.50pm**

### PARENTS (Report Back) EVENING

We are holding a Group report back evening, for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Parents and Friends, to show you the activities the youngsters have taken part in over the Past year.

Date: **Friday 6th October – 7pm Prompt at the Scout Hall.**

We hope you will be able to attend. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

### JOTI and JOTA

We are holding again this year at our Scout Hall International **JOTA** - Jamboree on the Air, plus JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet

Date: Saturday 21st October. 10am to Sunday 22nd October 3pm

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part. Cubs and Scouts can do a proficiency badge as well.

**We are looking for help** early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up and Sunday afternoon 2pm, taking down the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email [pgjoti@gmail.com](mailto:pgjoti@gmail.com)



### 49th Jamboree on the Air - 21-22 October 2006

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GBOPG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have Pete Roberts and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

**Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead** will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

### 49th Jamboree on the Internet - 21-22 October 2006

The 2005 Jamboree On the Internet event is the ninth JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started.

The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this years event you can send us an email to our special email address [pgjoti@gmail.com](mailto:pgjoti@gmail.com)



**If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self - either on the Internet or Radio**

During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site [www.pgscouts.co.uk](http://www.pgscouts.co.uk) with Photos of these events

## Webb Ivory

This year we will be fund raising with the Webb Ivory catalogue, books went out early September please circulate amongst your family and friends and bring in orders as you get them.

MONEY is to be sent with each order, cheques to be payable to *Pinkneys Green Scout Group* or in cash. Please put in a sealed envelope marked Webb Ivory and give Raksha 76, Pinkneys Road. If you run out of order forms please use a blank sheet of paper. Make sure your name and contact telephone number and address on the form for easy contact if queries. If when you have finished with your book please bring it back as we can circulate them further. **LAST DATE FOR ORDERS 31st OCTOBER**, this is in order to get everything in plenty of time. If you have not received a catalogue and would like one, please contact your sons Leader .

## PG Yellow Tee Shirts

Raksha has the yellow PG Activity shirts for sale. These are worn by Beavers, Cubs & Scouts as part of their activity gear (When they take their uniform shirts off) **Scouts all** need them as part of their activity gear. The price cost £6 each. They are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 76, Pinkneys Road Tel: Mhd 628160

# CHRISTMAS TREES 2006

## Details to follow

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

**We will be taking orders from beginning of November**



**Pinkneys Green Scout Group is part of an online shopping scheme.**

[www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)

Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Cotton Traders and John Lewis.

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.**

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 £300 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.

So [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)

## 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 *Akela* [Robert] 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.**

## Rubbish – Black Sacks

A big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub & Scout parents, plus leaders who have taken a black sack of rubbish home from the Scout Hall. If we paid for a contractor (inc the council) it would cost us between £250-£300 a year to have our rubbish collected. **So you are all helping to save us money**

**PLEASE SUPPORT US - If you see a black sack of rubbish in the porch – take it home and put it in your Wheelie Bin**

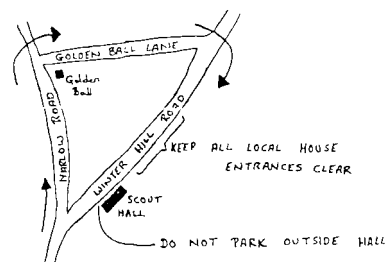
## One Way System

Can we ask 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.*

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

Please make sure that you keep our neighbours entrances clear and

**Please don't turn around in their drive ways**



## **BEAVER NEWS**

Last term, Beavers ended with style, with our annual cooking in the woods in which we all cooked our own sausages and marshmallows (some more than others!) on the open campfire, and with our themed 'Red Indian' campfire in which Beavers and their families dressed up especially for the occasion and sang camp songs around the open fire! A good time was had by all, and a fantastic effort made on the fancy dress!

This term looks forward to many more exciting activities, including making our own mini gardens, and continuing to work towards gaining some more beaver badges!

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents of our uniform which we **must** wear to Beavers, Beaver jumper and Beaver navy cargo trousers or shorts with PG neck-a-chief. This can be bought from the Scout shop, Wednesday evening's 7.00pm till 9.00pm at St. Marks Methodist Church. Also, if there are any brown felt Beavers out there that have not

Don't forget we are having our Report Back Evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6.50pm at Scout Hall, where we will be showing photos of the past years activities



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## **CUB NEWS**

The pinnacle of Cubs has just finished and what a weekend it was! Cub camp at BCA Maidenhead, with fantastic, warm, dry weather and enthusiastic boys - fabulous. The boys arrived with all their kit on Friday evening and once the tents were organised, off they went to enjoy the outdoors. The theme this year was pirates and the sixers had made some excellent posts to put outside each tent. Jacala had organised a very exciting treasure map and game - I'm glad the boys seemed to know what they were doing and they loved running about in the dark with their torches. Then it was hot chocolate, clean teeth and bed (but not necessarily sleep!).



The morning started at a reasonable hour (not like Group/Family camp, as it is darker in the mornings now) with football in wellies. Then came washing - it was a new experience for a lot of boys and they had to be taught; how to remove clothes, which square material was a flannel (or a hand towel), how to use a bar of soap, how to squeeze water from a flannel (otherwise your shorts get wet), what to wash - oh, we taught them lots this weekend. This was followed by a scrumptious cooked breakfast by Debbie Webb and team. Then washing up. Another steep learning curve for a lot of boys - please do ask them to use this newly acquired skill at home occasionally - they can do it!

Inspection of tents was followed by bases of all sorts of skills - lots of which will be marked up and used towards badges. I was helping at a compass base and have now learned how to set a compass. I think the boys will have earned a great number of badges during the camp, but please be patient as it all has to be marked up and we have to get to the shop to buy them.

The afternoon is athletics work in which the boys have to do a short timed run, throw a cricket ball, do a standing jump, a timed shuttle run and then a timed long distance run. The boys all tried really hard, but because the badge is not in three stages any more, many of the younger ones don't reach the times or distance required to achieve the badge. However, it is all recorded and there is always next year!

After the exhausting run (I had to be a marker (shame) - but Akela and a couple of other leaders did take part), we went back to camp. The boys did last minute practice for their campfire sketch and we all sat down to a lovely cooked meal of cottage pie.

The boys may have told you that the campfire was started too early. The young helpers were very eager to show off their fire making skills and before we were ready - it had been lit. So we hurriedly joined together round the fire for a singsong and sketches. We had to sing very loudly at the end to compete with the disco of the wedding being held in BCA, but luckily it did quieten down at bedtime.

Bedtime was a much quieter affair and the boys were very soon asleep. The morning began as the day before, followed by Cubs Own (service) and group photo (watch the website). Then the morning was more skills bases, followed by packing away and the now infamous obstacle course. This year it was produced by Luke and Benny and I understand it was the best yet. I think the boys thoroughly enjoyed it, getting wet and muddy. Then it was time to go home.

Lots of Leaders, Young Leaders, Scouts, Parents, ex-Parents and Cubs all helped to make the camp a very successful, fun time.

So **THANK YOU** to you all.

This term we are looking at safety and emergency procedures; covering ourselves and our homes. Swimming sessions in Court Garden, Marlow will be starting in October (more badges to be earned). *Dates: Sat 7 Oct, 11 Nov, 25 Nov between 5-6pm.*

We welcome Connor Armstrong and Hal Forman to Cubs from Beavers and also Alex Franklin and James Boxwell from outside the Group. We hope you will enjoy your time at PG.

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### **Akela's Footnote**

A week later and I am just about recovering from Cub Camp. We had a brilliant camp, which went very smoothly. This was down to the fantastic team of leaders and helpers that we have at Pinkneys Green. Being able to rely on other people certainly makes my job much easier. Thanks to all the leaders/helpers/young leaders/scouts who helped to make camp such a success. Special thanks to Debbie Webb (and her mum, May) for doing the catering at camp. Debbie did a great job and even included some healthy snacks at break times. Lastly, the cubs were a credit to you (their parents) and behaved brilliantly. Big thanks to the boys for making Cub Camp 2006 so enjoyable for all of us.

**Thanks to:**

The Principal and staff at BCA for allowing us to camp at the college again  
The Erection Committee and other Parents & Scouts who helped on Thursday night  
Andy Jones and Andy Rankin for transporting the equipment  
Christine Mussett for helping with the Cub Tents on Friday  
All the parents who helped dismantling camp on Sunday  
Debbie and May for the catering (and Thomas)  
Ray Webb for loan of three car batteries  
Ruth Pearce for her help over the weekend  
**Simon, Erica, Sheila, Lesley, Avril, Jon, Matthew, John, Graham, Alex, Michael, James, Tony, Luke and Andrew; for all their invaluable support and help over the weekend**



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## **SCOUT NEWS**

**Harvest Festival** – Can we remind all Scouts we are holding are Harvest Festival Service again at Stubbings Church on Sunday 1st October, 3.50pm. We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend this special Service, and bring some produce.

**Parents Evening** – the report back evening for all Scouts and parents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 6.50pm at the Scout Hall. Where we will be showing pictures of the last years Troop events / activities, as well as awarding the winning Patrol at Summer camp with their prizes, plus the Bill Hutt Shield

**Cub Halloween Party** – We are looking for help from Scouts running this event. It is on Wednesday 25th October. If you can help please let James Rutherford, Graham Wolfe or Michael Crown now

### **Alternative Rock Disco Plus Live Band and Guest DJ**

Saturday 7th October - 7pm to 10pm at Altwood Scout Hall Altwood Road, Maidenhead  
Open to all PG Scouts and Young Leaders and their friends Quite loud indie rock, metal etc.  
Tickets £5.00 **in advance** from: Call 01628 626238 or: a PG Jamboree Scout-  
*Many thanks to Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group for the use of their hall.*



### **LAN Event**

We are holding a LAN event at Scout Hall 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October in aid of Jamboree Fundraising project for more information email [pqlan@hotmail.com](mailto:pqlan@hotmail.com)

### **JOTI / JOTA** –

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006. We are looking for older Scouts and Young leaders to help organise this event as well as parents and friends – if you are able to help please contact Simon ASAP. We will be running the Cub and Scout Communicators badge again at this event. Any Scout, who would like to stay over on the Saturday night, please let Simon know that you are interested. We will be surfing the Net over the weekend talking to over Scouts on the Internet as well as on the Radio



**“Moving Up Award” Badge** - We would like to welcome five Cubs James O’Connor, Andrew Duff, Kieran Patel, Harry Wheeler and James Corbitt who are doing their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop.

### **District Night Hike**

This year the District is holding a special Night Hike – we are going to hold a sponsored event, raising money for the friends of Longridge [www.friendsoflongridge.org.uk](http://www.friendsoflongridge.org.uk) {To go towards the money they require to buy the site]

The event will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 18<sup>th</sup> November

The Young Leaders have agreed to enter some teams, we are looking for as many (ALL!) scout to take part. The object is to walk a circular course completing activities at eight bases.

**Parents we need your help** [Due to the only PG Leader being available again this year being Simon – the other are all away] We are looking for at least 2 / 3 parents to walk with each group of Scouts – If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon Mhd 623910



***Make a Note of This Date! - 17th November***

*Simon Wheeler*

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

**Computer Network Expert – help required to set up a computer network for JOTI**

**If you have the basic knowledge, please contact Simon MHD 623910**