



P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

August 2007

Scouting Sunrise 1st August 8am

100 years of scouting, August 1st 2007, the first Scout Camp was on Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour. To celebrate this EVERY member of the scout movement should renew their promise wherever they are in the world at 8am local time and Pinkneys Green is no exception. The Scouts at camp in Brecon, those at the jamboree and everywhere else will be doing just that so if you are in Maidenhead come and join us for breakfast on the green in front of the scout hall at 7.45am to renew your promise and have breakfast, Mum and Dad can come too before going to work!!.

If you are on holiday take your uniform, arrange to meet others around the hotel pool or suitable location and renew your promise together, take a photograph and let us have it when you come back.

There will be a small prize for the most original location – please let me have a copy



LIVE 07 – Festival of Scouting.

The O2 Dome, Greenwich. Saturday 24th November 2007.



We are going to run a coach trip to Live 07 it is a real extravaganza to celebrate the best of scouting in 2007 and what lies ahead. Please have a look at the web site for further information. www.scouts.org.uk/live07 The intention is to leave Maidenhead about 9am in time for the matinee performance which starts at 1.30pm this will allow enough time to look around inside the dome and take part in other activities before the show starts. We will leave as soon as the show has finished and expect to be back in Maidenhead about 6.30ish. This is open to the whole family. Cost adults £17.50,

children under 14 £12.50 plus coach costs to be advised.

Please let Erica know as soon as possible if you want to go, as I have to pay for the tickets when ordered. A separate letter will be sent to all sections.

Subscriptions

It has become necessary for the Group to increase subscription from 1st September 2007 from £65.00 to £70.00 per year. I think you will agree that we are still extremely good value.

Tent Hire 18th August.

I need help to take down a Marquee and Mess tent in Oaken Grove Park at 6pm. Without this help we will not be able to raise the much needed funds of £350.00 Please let me know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Pinkneys Green Scouts




MARQUEE FOR HIRE

Large Marquees 20ft x 40ft
or White Tent 14ft x 24ft

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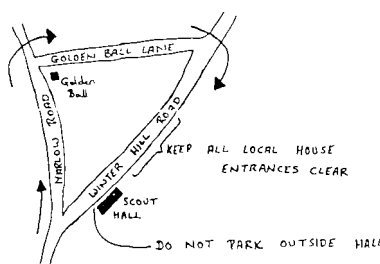
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Sponsorship required (note from the Group Chairman)

We have been having a number of problems with the Scout hall floor over the past year. A number of repairs have taken place but it has become clear that the floor has worn to such an extent that it now needs replacing. The cost of this will be around £7k. I am writing to see if you, your company or anyone you know, would be prepared to help sponsor the replacement floor. Please contact me on 01628 526778 or tony.curley@btinternet.com if you able to help or have any ideas.



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 their driveways.

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

Family Fun Day

Thank you goes to every one who came along and took part in our family fun day; every one had an enjoyable day.

We also held our AGM, with reports from the Beavers, Cub, Scouts and GSL reports. Maidenheads District Commissioner Ray Tucker presented Keo, Sheridan Stone with her ten-year service certificate. The executive committee officers have agreed to carry on in their positions for another year Tony Curley as Chairman, Jane Courtier as Secretary and Sue Giles as Treasurer. Steve Mitchell, David Shepherd, Maureen Hoggarth & John Robinson have agreed to serve another year on the executive committee, plus Beaver dad, Grant Wallace, volunteered to join the committee.

Date for 2008 Fun Day and AGM – Sunday 6th July 2008



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Remember we 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.

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.

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A big THANK YOU goes to every one who has supported us

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BEAVER NEWS

The first week in July, the Scouts came along and showed the beavers how to put up a patrol tent, which the Beavers seemed to enjoy. Boys from the Scout section came to run the meeting and showed the boys how to put up and take down tents. It was tent pitching with a difference, the Scouts moved the tents into the hall pitching them there, with the Scouts acting as the pegs. It was amazing to see that we could only fit two Patrol tents in to our Scout Hall. There was also plenty of time for a few games as well. Another meeting outside was held to allow the boys to have a go with cooking on an open fire. We walked down to the woods where Tarka and Benny had already built a fire, we all crowded round in the very hot atmosphere around the fire to cook sausages and marshmallows. This activity proved very popular, the experience of cooking using only natural materials was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The last meeting of the Summer Term, the Beavers sang campfire songs around the campfire. Robert Allcock has started his Moving Up Award with the Cubs; he has taken part in the Swimming Up Ceremony and moved up to Cubs.



The Beaver section will not be meeting during August, but we hope you all enjoy the break and enjoy the summer holidays!

May the fun continue!
Keema (Toby Ayre)

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CUB NEWS

This half term has been very busy with Tents, Fires and Trails. A big thank you to all the people who helped in running these activities, especially to Tarka and his team for the fire lighting (but I think Barry enjoys it more than the boys!). All these activities go towards badges, so we should be presenting some more soon.



We would like to welcome Robert Allcock to the Cub Pack; Robert has started his moving up award from Beavers. At the end of the term, we will be investing new Cubs, Jason Green, Jack Hathaway, Alexander Hodgetts, George Jefferson, plus Robert Allcock from Beavers, into the Pack and we wish them happy Cubing. We also spent the evening making shelters, which is always great fun. One of the boys wanted to pour water over it to see if it really worked – but water was short that week.

Thank you to the families who attended the family fun day – we hope you all had a great time!

We start back on 7 September, so all the Leaders and helpers wish you happy Summer Holidays.

Cubs will not be meeting over the summer holiday. We will see you again on Wednesday 5th September, ready for Cub Camp on Friday 7th.

Don't forget Cub Camp on 7-9 September – Please return your forms to Akela

Have A Great Holiday

SCOUT NEWS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.15pm -. Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday – for any changes
Uniform is not to be worn during August, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet. There is not a Troop meeting on 3rd August as we are at Summer Camp

District Water Activities Day

Due to adverse weather condition, and the River Thames being on Yellow Flood Alert the District Water Activity Day has had to be postponed.

The New Date is **Sunday 2nd September.**

If you would like to go, Activities will be: sailing, canoeing, kayaking, climbing, rafting and gig pulling. Cost £25 per Scout.

Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details



SUMMER CAMP – Brecon



This is the most important activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We have booked activities for the Scouts attending, including Pony Trekking, Gorge Walking, Climbing.

On 1st August 2007 at 8am the Troop will be celebrating the International Sun Rise celebrations with renewal of their Scout Promise. The Troop will be going back to 1907 for the whole day, with activities, events and games as well as all the meal

The Scouts are away from 20th July to 3rd August 2007. 49 are camping on a green field site South of Brecon.

Full report will be in Septembers PG Tips

We hope to be updating Web site www.pgscouts.org.uk with photos and reports while we are at camp

Beaver Meeting

A big thank you goes to the eleven Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meeting in July. The programme was for the Beavers to help pitch Patrol tents outside, before Simon told them a story about camping. The tents were pitched in the hall due to the weather due to the weather, with the Scouts and Beavers acting as the pegs. The Scouts also organised some games, including a chance for all the beavers and Scouts having a go on the rolling horse.

Thanks goes to Alex Jones for organising it with help from Scouts: Andrew Mitchell, Phillip Ellis, Nic Jones, Alan Tarleton, William Boothman, Aaron Burton

District Orienteering Event

The Scouts took part in this years District Orienteering event at Dinton Pastures Country Park. There were two courses. The Orange was the longer course and the Yellow course was the shorter one.

There was a large entry with 99 Scouts taking part.

Below are the results where PG Came

Yellow Course

Tom Fantham and Richard Hurst came 6th

Orange Course

Mark Courtier came 1st

Tom Murell & Nic Jones 4th

Jordan Flynn & Ben Cox 5th

A big thank you goes to Colin Abbott, Ian Collett and Simon Moore for organising the event.

District Cycle Orienteering Event

The District will be holding a Cycle Orienteering event on Sunday 7th October, 12 noon, at the Look Out, Bracknell

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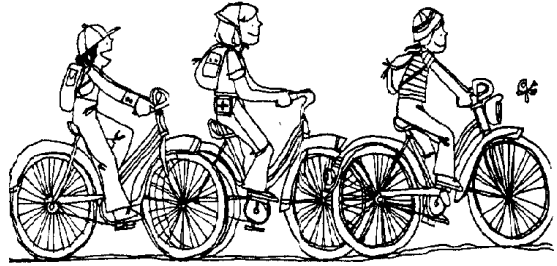
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Cycling

In the last couple of weeks, two Scouts have had accidents while cycling, they both ended up in hospital. The one who broke his colour bone helmet saved him from more serious injury.

Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following:

- (i) Any Scout / Explorer who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts/Explorers Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a Cycle Helmet.
- (ii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



PG JAMBOREE NEWS

The **PG Four** Alex Robins, Toby Ayre, Mark Courtier & James Kirk go on the World Jamboree,

They are part of the Berkshire contingent, with fourteen other Scouts from Maidenhead.

The PG four will be departing on Thursday 26 July from the University of Reading for World Jamboree campsite at Hyland's Park in Essex. To coincide with the centenary of Scouting, the 2007 World Scout Jamboree is in the United Kingdom. 40,000 people, composed of 32,000 Unit members and 8,000 staff, will be gathering from over 200 countries for 12 days at the magnificent grounds of Hyland Park in Eastern England.

They will camp, live and work alongside each other. They will come from a variety of different cultures, backgrounds, and religions. Together they will celebrate what unites them, and learn what they can do together to help build a better world. The theme of the 21st World Scout Jamboree in 2007 is "**One World, One Promise**" - which captures the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future. The opening ceremony will see a Scout from every nation and a cheer as each country's flag is brought into the arena.

We hope to be updating PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk, with a photo from the Jamboree every day they are there

Full reports on the Jamboree will be in September's PG Tips

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

20ltr or 5 gallon Containers

To use for carrying Water. Do you have a Swimming Pool or know of some one who has one
The containers used to fill the pools with chlorine are ideal

HP4 Laser Printer Toner

Can anyone can obtain a HP4 laser printer toner & save the group money at the same time,

Reference: 92298X

We are looking for Free, the Following items:

A4 plain or Coloured paper
Used postage Stamps
Large Elastic Bands (Like postman use)
Empty **Ice Cream** Containers

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