



P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

February 2007

2007 SCOUT PANTOMIME - BABES IN THE WOOD with Robin Hood

Performance(s) will be on Friday 23rd March 7pm & / Saturday 24th March 3pm & 7pm

Tickets will be available from the beginning of March – Children / Adults £3.50 each.

They will be sold strictly on first come basis. Please send money in envelope, with your sons name & pantomime either to your sons meeting or to Simon 9, Powney Road

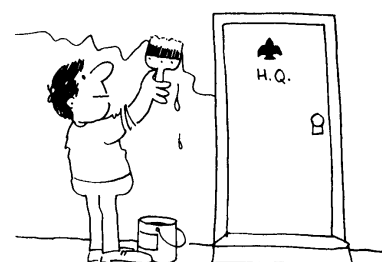
We hope you can come and Support our SHOW !

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HELP STORAGE NEEDED URGENTLY

Due to the factory where we store our Pantomime Costumes being redesigned, **We need to find somewhere to store 25+ boxes containing the Pantomime costumes and props.**

We need somewhere that is dry and we only require access to them once a year, collect them in February, take them back in April

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPACE?

Any amount of space would be appreciated, even if you can only store a few of them, if you think you can help or have any ideas, please contact Simon Mhd 623910 or email help@pgtips.org.uk



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.co.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.

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

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

Printing PG Tips

We are still looking for help with printing some copies of PG Tips once a month.

Thank you goes to the parents who have offered to help; **we are looking for another 175 copies** to be printed.

If you can help us by printing 25 / 50 / 100 / 175 copies per month (Twenty-five copies would be a great help)

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BEAVER NEWS

Over the last 4 weeks the Beavers have been very busy ...



The boys have been working very hard on this term's topic, the World. Over the last four weeks Keo has given the Beavers lessons on the continents and countries in each continent. Towards that end the boys were shown the designs of flags for countries around the world including Ethiopia, the USA, France, China and Russia and they then had to draw and colour large versions of the flags, and colour in the 8 countries that they are studying. Some of the Beavers made small flags so that they could be stuck onto a map of the world so they can see where the countries of the world that we are studying are.

As part of the goal of learning about the countries of the world the boys have been working very hard: they have had to record the weather in the country that they were studying and colouring so that we could compare the different environments across the planet, they have identified the continents of the world from a world map, they have papier-mâché balloons and last week began painting the balloons to resemble the world. They will go on to paint on the land around the world.

Last month saw several new boys joining the group, so a big welcome goes to the new boys and their families of Luke Jons, Joshua Wallace, George Rendle, Julian Sadie and George Kirkland and hopefully they enjoyed their first meetings and are planning to stay with us!!

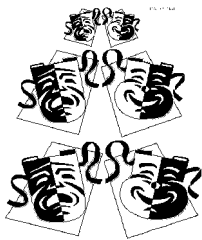
CUB NEWS

2007 is going to be a fun packed year for the Cubs and we kicked off with our New Year Party.

This term we again have the assistance of three young leaders, Graham Wolfe, Michael Crown and James Rutherford and we do value their youth and enthusiasm for games.

The Swimming Trophy Comes Home! The Cub Swimming Team: Harry Sackman, George Durrant, Richard Hurst, Jack Belsten, Keegan Curlewis, William Brennan, Charlie Sharpe, Matthew Brienza, Jamie Sellers and Henry Bennett, won the District Cub Swimming Gala. The Medley Relay team, Richard, Jack and Harry, came first in their race after a very exciting and impressive race. Well done to all the boys on coming first after two years of PG coming second place!

If any of the Cubs would like to take part in the Group Pantomime (23-24 March), please let Tarka (Barry) know Mhd 416575, so we can sort out the rehearsals The Scouts will be running a Special Cub meeting during half term, Wednesday 14 February. The meeting will be held out side in the local woods, Cubs need to wear warm clothing, plus Wellington boots – details to follow



SCOUT NEWS

2007's Pantomime - "Babes In the Wood"

The main cast members in this year's production are: Laurence Corbitt, Charlie Fidler, Daniel Tydeman, Matthew Carr, Ben Cox, Brice Fanning, Joshua Robinson, Ben Rutherford, Finn Baxter, William Boothman, James Corbitt, Andrew Duff, Thomas Fantham and Kieran Patel, who all have been given parts in this years Scouts Pantomime. **They have been rehearsing twice a week, since 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 23rd or Saturday 24th March.

Welcome

We would like to Welcome *Kya & Finn Baxter, Myles Rankin, Jordan Flynn, Henry Vines* and *William Bootham* who all last month made their Scout Promise and were invested as Scouts at PG. We would also like to welcome their families to Troop as well.

Laser Quest Competition

PG is taking part in this years District Laser Quest Competition. Heats are on Monday 26th February– at the Big Apple Wokingham. If we get through to the semi-final that is on Monday 12th March 2007.

Troop Weekend Camp

Please make a note in your Diaries that we will be going away for a weekend camp at the end of April (Friday 27th April to Sunday 29th April 2007) Note: A week earlier than normal

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp. Scouts will receive full details, at the beginning of March.



District Swimming Gala

Well done to PG Scout team who won the Gala, and were presented with the Myer Shield (We first won it in 1918). The team was; Marcus Fantham, Connor Cassidy, Alex Shell, Alan Tarleton, Thomas Fantham, Joshua Robinson and James Ashe. Thank you goes to Barry Palmer for sorting out the team. The Pinkneys Green Young Leader Team; Robert Gledhill, Mark Courtier, Graham Wolfe, James Kirk, Toby Ayre and John McCaw, WON

the District Explorer Swimming Gala. Well done to all of them and thank you for taking part. Special thanks goes to Robert Gledhill for sorting out the YL team



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Attached to this months *PG Tips* is an outline of the major events for 2007

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

PG TIPS

Apologies for January's *PG Tips* being late, we have had some production problems

We are looking for Offers of Help

Due to one of our parents changing her job at work we have lost one of our volunteers who was printing 250 copies of *PG Tips* a month. (2 sheets, 4 sides)

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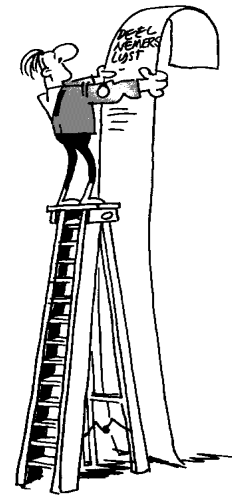
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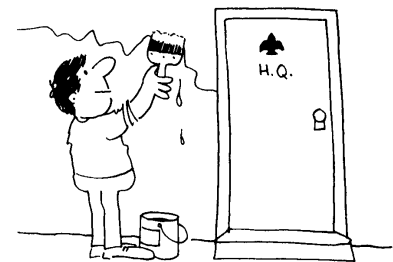
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Sort Back Cloths and repair them (2 people)

- Go through all our back cloths (some when during February - up to you) sort out this years 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

Painting Back Cloths (least 1 person)

- Do we have an artist amongst our readers - we might need to replace a couple of the back cloths - If you think you can help with painting or know of anyone, please contact Simon



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MAIDENHEAD 2007 – Centenary Camp

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and Leaders should have received a letter about the District Centenary Camp that is being held **Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May 2007**

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

Can Parents please return the form about the camp to Simon by 15th January 2007. We are looking for help over the weekend from parents, Simon will be writing to all parents in February.

More details www.maidenhead2007.org.uk



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 (we sent out over 2,550 this year), plus to every one who delivered the tree and collected them for recycling and to every one who purchased a Christmas tree this year.

We raised over £1,500 **Thank You very much for all your support**

Christmas Fair

Thanks to everyone for their help at the Christmas especially to all the Parents and friends who supported this, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£787**. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green. A big thank you goes to *Jane Courtier & Maureen Hoggarth* for organising the parcels, to *Akela* and the Cubs for delivering them and singing the carols, so well!, also to everyone who supported the fair.

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 *Rev. Dilys* and *Hilary Davis* for taking the service, to the members of the group who did readings. Also to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments afterwards. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles.

New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk took place on Monday 1st January 2007 Over sixty of us walked around Pinkneys Green, through Pinkneys Farm to Maulders Lane, around the Old Brick Kiln Nature reserve, before returning to the Cricket Club Car Park, across the green.

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BEAVER NEWS

The Beavers have had a busy time before Christmas, the Scouts organised a Christmas Party for them where under Alex Jones and Toby Ayre direction they organised party games including an interesting pass the parcel. Games were played such as Sleeping Lions, Musical Chairs and then after these games we all ate the mountains of party food that everyone contributed to (Thank you parents for the food). After food there was enough time for one more game

Thank you goes to all the Beavers who attended the Christingle Service and Thank you goes the parents who supplied mince pies



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CUB NEWS

Since the last report, we have been to the pantomime at Maidenhead Town Hall and what a fantastic evening that was (Oh yes it was!). The audience participation was great (especially for the Cubs) and there were lots of jokes for the adults too! We went to see Aladdin and one of the cubs said "I've been to a few pantomimes now and they are always Disney stories!" (Sign of the times). The interactive character, who made the pantomime so enjoyable, was Wishy Washy – we had to shout every time he fell asleep -and Raksha informed us that the actor was an ex-PG Cub! The pantomime was quite late finishing, as it was very late starting, so apologies to parents who had to wait around for half an hour. I hope the Cubs didn't fall asleep at school the next day!

Our last week is delivering parcels and singing carols to some very special people who have a connection with the Group and live in the local area. We will be wrapping up, taking torches and also taking in any local Christmas light attractions!

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SCOUT NEWS

Training Weekends

We will be holding training Weekends for Scouts, which will be held at the Scout Hall depending on age of Scouts

Year 6 3rd - 4th February **Year 7 & 8** 10th – 11th February **Year 9+** 24th – 25th February

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend one of the above weekends

Pantomime – Cinderella

We will be holding auditions, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this years Pantomime, Rehearsals will be on Thursday evening 6.45pm – 8.00pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm. The dates of the performances will be Friday 23rd March, 7.00pm + Saturday 24th March, 3.00pm & 7.00pm. Make sure that you are available on those dates if you wish to take part

New Scouts

We would like to welcome *Myles Rankin and Jordan Flynn* who have started their Moving Up Award from Cubs to Scouts, plus *Henry Vines* and *William Bootham* who are visiting the Troop, to see if they like it at PG

Troop New Years Party

The Friday between Christmas & New Year Patrol Leaders organised a party for those Scouts who had nothing else to do. Each Scout brought some party food, and the leaders supplied plenty of lemonade & coke. Thanks go to all the Scouts and their parents who supplied food & drink. They had an interesting evening where they played party games, including blindfold musical chairs

2007 Outline Programme



1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk 10.30am
5 January	Scout	- Trip to High Wycombe Pantomime Peter Pan
7 January	Scout	- PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
18 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime Babes in the Wood with Robin Hood
20 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scts 5.40pm]
2-3 February	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6)
9-10 February	Scout	- Training Course (Year 7 & 8)
14 February	Cub	- Incident Hike (Run by PL's & APL's)
16-18 February	Group	- Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
23-24 February	Scout	- Training Course (Year 9 & above)
24 February	Beaver	- District Beaveree - Altwood School
2-3 March	Scout	- LAN Weekend
3 March	Scout	- County Cooking Competition – Wokingham
5 March	Beaver	- "We Entertain" – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
10 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
16 March	Scout	- Trip Windsor Swimming Pool
23-24 March	Group	- Scouts Pantomime Babes in the Wood with Robin Hood
25 March	Group	- Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am
25 March	Cub	- District Flag Competition
1 April	Scout	- District Football Competition
27-29 April	Scout	- Troop Camp - ALL Scouts to Attend
26 April	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
12 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
12 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
25-28 May	Scout	- Maidenhead 2007 District Centenary Camp
30 May	Cub	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
8 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
10 June	Cub	- District Cricket Competition
17 June	Group	- Summer "Fair On The Green"
30 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge
1 July	Cub	- District Longridge Day – Older Cubs
2 July	Beaver	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
8 July	Scout	- District Soap Box Car Challenge
9 July	Group	- Fun Day + AGM (Provisional Date)
15 July	Scouts	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event - <i>Lookout Bracknell</i>
20 Jul - 3 Aug	Scout	- Summer Camp – BRECON - All Scouts
		[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]
28 Jul - 8 Aug	Scout	- 21st World Scout Jamboree - Hylands Park, Essex
1 August	Group	- Scouting Sunrise - The Dawn of a new Century for Scouting around the World– 7.45am Hall
7-9 Sept	Cub	- Cub Camp - ALL Cubs to attend
14 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
15 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
22-23 September	Scout	- LAN Weekend
30 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
1 October	Group	- Harvest Festival at Stubbings Church - ALL Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
5 October	Group	- Parents Evening (Report back of Years activities) 7pm
6 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
20-21 October	Group	- Amateur Radio Jamboree On The Air (All Welcome)
20-21 October	Group	- Internet - Computers Jamboree On The Internet (All Welcome)
24 October	Cub	- Halloween Party (Run by the Scouts)
10 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
11 November	Group	- Remembrance Sunday Parade - All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
16-17 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike
23-24 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
30 November	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating) All Scouts
2 December	Group	- Christmas Fair On a Sunday
3 December	Beaver	- Christmas Party (Run by the Scouts)
9 December	Group	- Carol (Christingle) Service at Stubbings Church
12 December	Cub	- Trip to pantomime (Provisional)
21 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
28 December	Scout	- Scouts New Year Party
1 Jan 2008	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am



PLEASE KEEP SOME WHERE SAFE – latest info on www.pgscouts.co.uk