



P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

Jumble Sale

We raised a fantastic amount of £659.19 (£282.94 at 1st + £376.25 at 2nd one)

A big thank you goes to every one who supported our Jumble Sales, especially the new parents who came along and helped us for the first time. Our next Jumble Sales will be in May 2008.

Special Thanks goes to Caron Wheeler & Pauline Patel for organising the event

October 2007



HELP – Photocopying PG Tips

We have a band of parents & supporters that print PG Tips for us each month,

We are looking for some more help, if you can print 25, 50, 75 or 100 copies of PG Tips per month, please let Simon Know as soon as possible. Email Simon@pgtips.org.uk

PG Tips is normally 2 sheets of A4 paper (4 sides) would **the company you work for support a charity** and print off a few each month, do you have a printer at home that you can help us. For more detail contact Simon MHD 623910.

JOTI and JOTA

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

Date: **Saturday 20th October. 10am to Sunday 21st 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



50th Jamboree on the Air - 20th-21st October 2007

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**. This year we are going to have a special call sign to celebrate 50 years of JOTA **GB50PG**. (Our normal call sign is **GB0PG**) 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.

11th Jamboree on the Internet - 20th-21st October 2007

The 2007 Jamboree On the Internet event is the eleventh 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

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.org.uk with Photos of these events



Akela - La Cage aux Folles

By special permission from Pinkneys Green Scout Group, Rob Harris (Akela) is appearing in a MMCS Production at the Desborough suite at Maidenhead Town Hall. **La Cage aux Folles** will be on the stage from Tuesday 16th October to Saturday 20th October. If you are interested in seeing Akela as you have never seen him before; tickets are available from the box office on 01628 624798 or the website: <http://www.mmcs.gb.com/>

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 5th October – 6.50pm at the Scout Hall.**

There will be a presentation from Beaver, Cub and Scouts on what they have been doing over the past 12 months as well as the PG FOUR who joined 40,000 other Scouts at the World Jamboree. We hope you will be able to attend. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

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.**

CHRISTMAS TREES 2007

Details to follow

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Hurley area

We will be taking orders from beginning of November



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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 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

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

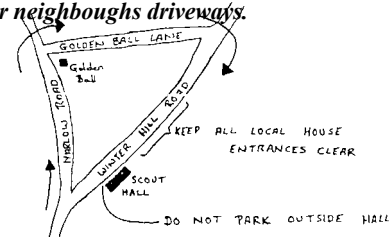
May we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, **also don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways.**

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.



BEAVER NEWS

The beavers have been vary busy after there return from the summer holidays, the first week saw a lot of the beavers having a lesson from Benny in the woods, along with a few games and some very interesting stories about the summer!!

The week after had all the beavers walking through the woods to Dr Flew's house, after he kindly invited all the beavers to his house for a hot dog, an amazing cake and a play in garden. This event saw almost every single beaver at the meeting – 32 !!!

Monday 24th then had the Beavers inside testing their hearing, taste buds, smelling abilities and their hands in a lodge competition – they were blindfolded and had to recognise a series of sounds, smells, tastes and shapes. The winning lodge was the lodge with the most items recognised by the most people.

Attendance since the end of the summer holidays has been fantastic and we have also had several new additions to the Colony, there haven't been any more investitures yet but there are several potential beavers trying out the group at the moment, plus Beavers moving up to Cubs.

Don't forget the report back evening 7pm, on Friday 5th October, where we will be showing some photos of Beaver activities. Also don't forget to pass the Webb Ivory catalogue around your friends, orders to Raksha, please return the Catalogue to the Scout Hall when you have finished with it



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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 International and the tents were divided into continents. The sixers had made some excellent posters to put outside each tent (Well done to the parents who had got involved as well). We went over to the main field for a wide game in the dark – the boys had to 'fly round the world' answering questions and getting their passports stamped – 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 early with the boys running about 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 map base and enjoyed teaching map symbols and trying to explain what contours are – Do ask your son.

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 order 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 1.5K run (Yes, even I ran with the back runners), 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 shepherd's pie. This year's campfire was small and controlled, due to space restrictions. However, the singing was fun and the boys all did well presenting/performing their sketches. Hopefully the boys all learned a few new songs. Thank you to Baloo and Jakala for leading the songs. 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 (see the website). Then the morning was more skills bases, followed by packing away and the now infamous obstacle course. This year was the best yet. It was set around the enclosure between the two fences and the boys had great fun climbing over and under the obstacles, the best (!) bit being under the scramble net and getting hosed down with mains cold water! It was done in Continent groups and timed, so the teams that worked together and helped each other got faster times. Points were on offer during camp and Europe managed to earn the most, so well done to them. 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. A special thank you to Jakala (Jon Corbitt) who was camp leader, as part of his training for his camp permit (which meant Akela could take a back seat). Please see website for photos which show what a fantastic time we all had.

Some dates for your diaries: Swimming sessions in Court Garden, Marlow will be starting in October. This is open to all Cubs and they will be doing activities towards badges (see on-line handbook at PG website). We will be asking for parent helpers nearer the time. *Dates: Sat 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 17 Nov between 5-6pm.*

We welcome Matthew Dixon and Louix Franklin to PG Cubs. We hope you will enjoy your time at PG.

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SCOUT NEWS

Good Luck

Troop Assistant Mark Weingarth is immigrating to New Zealand on 12th October. Mark has been a Cub, Scout, and Venture Scout at PG before taking on an Adult appointment in 1998. We would like to thank Mark for all the support he has given to the Troop and wish him and his wife, Laura, a happy & successful new life, in New Zealand

Parents Evening – the report back evening for all Scouts and parents on Friday 6th 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

PLs & APLs – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 6th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL

District Cycle Orienteering Competition – 7th October, 12noon at Ockwells Park (change venue), any Scout who has a roadworthy bike, cycle helmet can take part. **We Still are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details. Scouts will take part in groups of 2 / 3. The younger Scouts will have a parent or Young Leader go round with them.

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 20th - 21st October 2007. 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”

We would like to welcome two Cubs Edward Kersey and James Carr 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 {To go towards the money they require to buy the site}

The event will take place on Friday 16th Nov, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 17th Nov.

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 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! - 16th November

District Water Activity Day: A big thank you goes to Rob Ayre, John Boothman, Toby Ayre & Alex Jones for helping to run the District Water Activity day at Longridge. The Scouts who attended had a great day doing the activities.

Simon Wheeler



PG Four

The four PG Scouts *Mark Courtier, Toby Ayre, James Kirk & Alex Robins*, who went on the world Jamboree are going to Netherlands, they are staying at the **Buitenzorg** Scouting Centre, Baarn. They are leaving from Berkshire, on Saturday 20 October 2007, and return a week later on Saturday 27 October 2007. This activity has been paid for as part of the Jamboree Fundraising. Most of the 80 members of the two Berkshire Scouts Jamboree Units are going. They have a very busy programme, with hiking & mountain biking, a day trip into Amsterdam. Visit to a theme park. They will be taking part in JOTI / JOTA on Sunday 21st October



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