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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

September 2007



Jumble Sale

We need some kind helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall

We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 14th September 6.30pm at the Scout Hall, from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday 15th September morning 10am-12noon selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards. We also require help to take the remainder of the Jumble to the Tip on Saturday 15th September after Sale is finished

If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, then please call **Pauline Patel** (01628) 670063 or **Caron Wheeler** (01628) 676021 **We really need your support.**

JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 15th September - 10.30am

Harvest Festival

We hope to be holding our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church on Sunday 30th September at 3.50pm

Parents Report Back Evening

We are holding our *Report Back* evening on Friday 5th October 6.50pm at the Scout Hall. There will be presentations from the Beavers Cubs and Scouts on what they have done over the past year, plus a special report from the PG Four on how they got on at the World Jamboree this Summer. All members are welcome to attend plus parents and friends of PG

Please make a note of the date 6.50pm on Friday 5th October

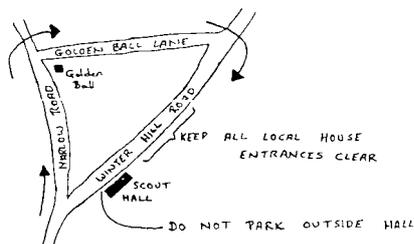
Scouting Sunrise

On Wednesday 1st August 2007 PG took part in the Special Scouting Sunrise event to Celebrate the Birth of Scouting. The first Scout Camp was on Brownsea Island, Poole Harbour. Started at 8am on 1st August 1907 when Baden Powell blew his horn to open the camp. Members of PG joined in various celebrations. At the Scout hall 65 Beavers, Cubs leaders parents and friends met on the green where at 8am Barry Palmer blew his bugle. The Scouts celebrated it at Summer Camp under the foothills of Pen-y-fan they spent the whole day going back to 1907 including food activities and games. The four PG Scouts at the World Jamboree joined over 40,000 other Scouts from all around the world at a special Sunrise celebration. At all three locations all members renewed their Scout Promises. More details and photo's on www.pgscouts.org.uk



HIRE A RUBBISH SKIP

Does any one know where to hire a large skip from, for a reasonable price – if you do please contact Simon Mhd 623910 or email simon@pgscouts.org.uk



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

Don't forget your parking lights, on these dark nights we are outside 30mph speed limit



Phil Blumfield

We are sorry to hear of the death of Phil Blumfield, who passed away on 6th August, aged 56. Phil was for many years was an active supporter of the Group. He was a member of the parent executive committee, when his son Oli was involved in the Group. The best wishes of all group members go to his wife Jean and children: Oli, Katie and Helen.





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WORLD JAMBOREE

Follows is a report from Mark Courtier:

Form 26th July to 8th August the PG Four (*Mark Courtier, Toby Ayre, James Kirk and Alex Robins*) were having a brilliant time at the 21st World Scout Jamboree. This involved 40,000 scouts from almost every country in the world celebrating the centenary of scouting in Hylands Park, Essex. We did many activities including Gilwell adventure, a day spent doing physical activities such as a giant obstacle course, climbing, pedal go carts, tobogganing and, if you were brave enough, a huge water slide, as well as time spent doing scouting skills and having a historical tour of Gilwell.

On other days we spent time in the global development village, where we experienced activities, crafts and foods from the countries, which I really enjoyed, and we also spent a day, called starburst, in the local community doing something useful. I personally helped build a bridge in a nature reserve and others made some bird boxes and helped clear footpaths. There were also ceremonies and one big one on sunrise day (1st August), which was the exact centenary of scouting. However the best part of the jamboree was meeting the thousands of people there, having conversations with them (most spoke better English than me), swapping badges and other items and going out for meals. I personally ate out with some Belgians and our Japanese home hospitality scouts and we invited some Danes to eat with us.

I had an amazing time and will never forget it and I would like to thank PG for their support on fundraising and going on the Jamboree and the Jamboree Unit Leaders for surviving us. We will be doing a fuller report at the Parents Evening, on 6th October 2007.



Follows is a message from Alex Robins:

The 21st World Scout Jamboree, organized to celebrate 100 years of Scouting, was a fantastic experience for all those who were lucky enough to be able to go.

As one of the four scouts from PG who was fortunate enough to go on Jamboree I had the best time of my life; the activities provided allowed us to meet people from over 150 countries, although I have to confess I didn't manage to get to know someone from all of them, and to build up team skills, bypassing languages problems, racial, religious and class differences.

At no other time have I been able to walk up to a group of people I've never met and be certain of a warm, friendly reception. The fact that we were all part of the scouting community meant that we always had something in common and any differences were just a topic of conversation. The ability to share a meal, to play games and to celebrate 100 years of Scouting with people from a different country, a different continent was something very special.

The PG Four would like to say 'Thank you' to the many people who supported us and made this dream a reality. Amongst all of our supporters we would like to say a special thank you to *Simon Wheeler* (Scout Leader), *Erica Hunter* (GSL), all of the Pinkneys Green leaders, the parents who donated money and took part in the activities that we ran, and to the charities who were kind enough to donate money to our fund.

Thank you

A huge thank you goes to Cub parent, *Tracy Brienaz* for writing to the Louis Bayliss Trust, applying for a grant towards the cost of a replacement Solid **European Oak** floor to replace the **Canadian Maple** floor in the Scout hall, which was getting to thin and dangerous with holes appearing. After all her hard work and a meeting with the Trustees of the Trust, they have given us a large grant towards the cost of the replacement floor. On behalf of the youngsters a Special Thank you goes to the Louis Bayliss Trust, trustees for sponsoring our floor.

During August the old floor has been removed and a new floor has been laid. We have found a few problems, with woodworm and in the old chapel part of the scout hall, a problem with damp in the walls. In the next few weeks, we hope to have the walls treated and rendered.

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BEAVER NEWS



Welcome back Beavers, hope you had a fabulous summer holiday. If you have any pictures or stories to tell please feel free to bring them along for 'show and tell'. Parents may, I remind you to keep to the one way system and don't park over any driveways and that the Beaver uniform is blue jumper plus PG t-shirt, neck-a-chief and Beaver navy cargo shorts or trousers, (**not track bottoms**)! Our uniform is available from the Scout Shop, 7-9pm, Wednesday night, St. Marks Methodist church if you need to purchase anything, thank you.

We have a fun packed term ahead of us so I want lots of enthusiastic Beavers arriving on the 10th September, see you then. We are looking for help from Beaver Parents at our Jumble Sales on Saturday 15th September, 10am-12noon the money raised help pay for the running of our Scout Hall. Don't forget the report back evening 7pm, on Friday 5th October, where we will be showing some photos of Beaver activities

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CUB NEWS

Akela and his team welcome you and your families back from your summer holidays and hope that you all had a fantastic fun time. We are off to camp on 7th, 8th and 9th September at Berkshire College of Agriculture in Burchetts Green and hope that you will have another brilliant time with us. We will be having fun, playing games, learning new skills, practicing old skills, enjoying friendship and we hope all of you will work and play hard to achieve and enjoy. For those of you not camping, please pray for dry weather for us, as camp always runs better when its dry.

Eleven members of the pack, including Akela and Jacala will be taking part in the District Cub Longridge day at the beginning of September. This event had been postponed from June as the river had been in flood.



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Some advanced dates for your diaries are:

- 7-9 September **Cub Camp**
- 15 September **Jumble Sale** – Parent Help 10.20pm – 11.45am
- 30 September **Harvest Festival Service** - 3.50pm at Stubbings
- 3 October ? **District Chess Competition**
- 5 October **Parents' Feedback Evening** 6.50pm
- 20-21 October **JOTA / JOTI**
- 24 October **Halloween Party** – run by the Scouts
- 11 November **Remembrance Day Service** at Stubbings – 10.35am
- 2 December Scouts **Christmas Fair** – Parent Help 2pm
- 9 December **Christingle Service** (All in uniform) – 3.50pm
- 12 December **Pantomime Trip** - *Panto at the OK Corral*
- 19 December **Carol singing & Old People Parcel Delivery** – Provisional

Notes with more details will be sent home nearer the time but please book the dates in your family diaries now!!

SCOUT NEWS

SUMMER CAMP – Brecon

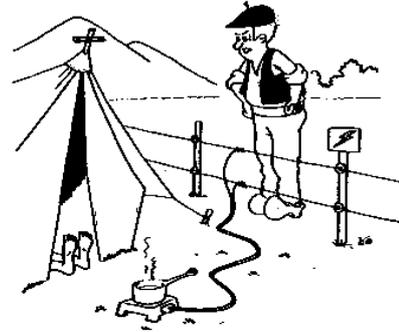
50 members of the Troop Survived two weeks in Wales, despite the day we left, Maidenhead had torrential rain and floods (A day Maidenhead hit the News headlines), taking seven and half hours to get to Brecon due to M4 having mud slides & floods, plus the lorry got stuck in the gateway of the field. It rained for first 8 days, and then we saw the SUN. The Scouts still managed to work in patrols, cooking meals and doing most of the planed activities, which included gorge walking, climbing and abseiling, pony trekking, hiking, plus many Scouting activities.

We camped on a Green Field site under foothills of Pen-Y-Fan south of Brecon, even the drinking water was a couple of miles away. A big thank you goes to the Farmer *Mr Philips* for allowing us to camp on his land and helping us by towing the lorry out of the mud and making the entrance of the field more passable. We had to park the mini buses on the road for the first part of the camp, as we could not get them through the mud. We update the web site www.pgscouts.org.uk every day we were at camp with photos of the activities and events we did at camp.

Congratulations go to Swifts - PL Harry Wright on winning the Cooking competition and Falcons – PL *Laurence Corbitt* on winning the Camp competition.

I would like to thank Alan Hoskins for driving the lorry to / from Camp. Dave Chesterman (District Chairman) for coming down to Brecon, from Maidenhead to judge the Cooking Competition. *All the parents and friend for helping with photocopying & binding the camp booklet and supplying various items for Camp.* I would also like to thank all the other parents and friends who helped us this year with donations and time.

A Special thank you goes to the following leaders and helpers, *John Bannerman* for looking after the food, *BoB Weingarth* for looking after the Patrols and Chris Parker, for Driving one of the Mini Buses (we had three this year) plus Robert Stroud Mark & Matthew Weingarth, Jon Corbitt and Alex Millard. Can we thank them all for taking time off work etc. and helping for all or part of the camp and surviving this year's camp.



Simon Wheeler, Scout Leader, August 2007

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Summer Holidays The Scouts continued to meet during the Summer Holidays, special thanks goes to Bob and the other leaders and helpers for running these troop meetings

District Water Activities Event – This year 19 members of the Troop will be taking part in this years Water Activity event at Longridge, on 2nd September. The event had to be rescheduled due to the River Thames being in flood at the end of June.

Friday 14th Sept Special Troop Meeting, check your email, Thursday before, for instructions of where to meet

Harvest Festival – Can we remind all Scouts we are holding are Harvest Festival Service again at Stubbings Church on Sunday 30th September, 3.50pm. We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend this special Service, and bring some produce.

Parents Evening – we report back evening for all Scouts and parents on Friday 5th October 2007, 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 the Bill Hutt Shield

PL Training Course – 6th October reminder to those APL's & Older Scouts who have already not attended a District PL Training course. The Troop will pay the course fee. The course is being held at Cookham Scout Hall. Contact Simon ASAP for more info

Cycle Orienteering Event – 7th October, 12noon at Bracknell. This year's event will be off road, any Scout who has a roadworthy bike, cycle helmet can take part. **HELP** due to a shortage of Troop Leaders (They are ay on a training course) **We URGENTLY are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details

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

Simon Wheeler



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