



P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

December 2007



Christmas Fair



Christmas Trees	Tombola's	Cakes
Good As New	Bathroom Stall	Raffle
Competitions	Toys	Jewellery
Groceries	Refreshments	Games

Sunday 2nd December 2007 2.00pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

Please Support your Scout Group

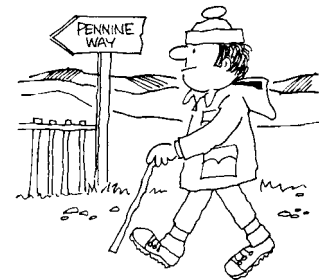
New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Tuesday 1st January 2008**

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12noon

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



CHRISTMAS TREES

Delivery: **FREE** to Maidenhead / Cookham /
Bourne End / Marlow / Hurley areas

We are taking orders

Orders & payment to; Tony Curley, 68 Westwood Green, Cookham SL6 9DE
by 9th December for delivery on Saturday 15th December 2007

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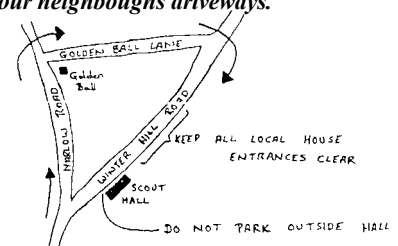
A big thank you goes to the person who put in an order for **SKY** via www.buy.at/pgscouts on 15th November, the order **gave us a £125 donation**

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.



Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a Carol Service on
Sunday 9th December 2007 at 3.50pm
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.
All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us
at this Special Service

Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall



Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. This saves the leaders having to take it down to the tip.

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BEAVER NEWS

This term the beavers have been doing a lot of exciting things, like the Halloween night were the beavers played a lot of exciting Halloween games and then we had Guy Fawks night when Mr and Mrs Flew gave up there garden so that the beavers could enjoy a big bonfire built by the beaver Young leaders over the previous weekend, there were also some fireworks as well which went off with a bang. The beavers have also been learning about the body and we were in the woods before the half term running around and having a lot of fun and learning how the heart pumps blood around the body, in the past 2 weeks they have been making clay models of themselves and then painting them when they were dry, we have also recently taken on a few new young beavers and we would like to welcome them into the group and hope that they all have a good time.



Parents don't forget we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 2nd December, plus to order the excellent Freshly Cut Christmas trees we are selling again this year, they are excellent quality **ask any PG parent what they fought**. Please put the Christmas Fair Poster up that we sent home. Also please return the form we have sent you to update your sons personal information, we have found a couple of Beavers have moved house and our records are not up to date



Coming Up - Christmas Party run by the Scouts on 3rd December – please note that this will be 6:00pm - **730pm** (finishing 15mins late). Keo will be asking Beaver Parents to supply some items of food for the party; Christingle Service, Beavers and their Families invited to attend on Sunday 9th December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Years Morning Walk, Tuesday 1st January 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next Cricket pitch; The first meeting of next year will be Monday **7th January (2008** - in case anyone has forgotten).

Rann (Alex Jones)

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CUB NEWS

Following on from this year's International Themed Cub Camp was our International Evening on 7th November. Thanks to all the boys who bought in flags to decorate the hall, and well done to all those who made their own! The meeting started with a multiple-choice international themed quiz where cubs selected their answers by running to relevant bases positioned around the hall. This was followed by an exciting presentation from Mark Courtier and Toby Ayre who spoke about their experience at the World Scout Jamboree earlier in the year, many thanks to both Toby and Mark in putting together this presentation and visiting our international evening. As part of this international programme Jacala set up a link with an Australian Cub Pack, many boys prepared their letters for our pen pals in Australia - though we ran out of time to finish these we will be completing the letters later in the term and look forward to hearing back from the Aussie Pack.



At the end of the international meeting we said goodbye to *William Brennan, Charlie Brown, Tom Climpson* and *Sam Jons* as they moved on to scouts after participating in Troop activities over the last few weeks.

Congratulations and welcome to *William Fantham, Matthew Dixon, Louix Franklin, Jonathan Otun* and *Thomas Sellers* who were invested into the Pack this month.

We have now started our 4 week badge base programme, earlier in the term the cubs selected their choice of activity badge to complete over the four weeks; choices that included; Map Reader, Craftsman, Home-Help, Astronomy, and more!

We can now formally welcome our two new Cub Young Leaders Laurence Corbitt and James Curley who were invested on the 14th November, joining our existing Young Leaders Michael Crown and Graham Wolfe. The Young Leaders work on a rota system and play an important role in the pack's leadership team - regularly running games, activities and inspections for the cubs.

Throughout November we held our three Saturday swimming sessions at Marlow, this is a great opportunity for boys to complete their staged swimming badges which allow them to participate in water activities and are transferred to their scouting uniforms when they move on. Thank you to all the parents who helped or offered to help at these sessions, they are proving ever more popular! -

(May need to find a bigger pool soon). We hope all those cubs and families that attended the Live 07 Festival Of Scouting at the O2 on the Saturday 24th November had a great day, this was a great opportunity for a group activity and fun was had by all. We look forward to seeing all at the Christmas Fair on the 2nd December and the Christingle Service on the 9th December.



Dates for your diary:

- * Sunday 2 December, 2 pm PG Christmas Fair - we need YOUR Support!
- * Sunday 9 December, 3.50pm PG Christingle Service at Stubbings
- * Wednesday 12 December, 'Panto at the OK Corral.' Panto, Maidenhead Town Hall
- * Wednesday 19 December, Carol singing and Parcel delivering
- * Tuesday 1 January, New Years mornings walk 10.30am National Trust Car Park

Don't forget to order your Christmas tree and help raise funds for your scout group (see website for form).

Jacala (Jon Corbitt)

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SCOUT NEWS

2007 Summer Camp -

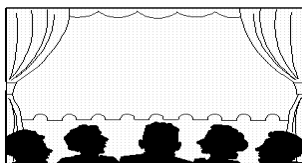
We will be camping in Cornwall; a big thank you goes to 44 Scouts (and 7 Cubs, who will be Scouts by Easter) who have replied. Can we remind those who have not given our treasurer post dated cheques, the **third payment £20 is due by 10th December**, please try and pay by that date to save me sending you a reminder

All Scouts (Those under 15 years next Summer) **who wish to go should have paid a deposit**

Reminder the Third payment is due by 10th December

Christmas Fair - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.

Christingle Service - Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 9th December at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall.



Trip to Windsor to the Pantomime

Scouts and Young Leaders, we are going to see Cinderella at Theatre Royal Windsor on Friday 4th January 2008

New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Tuesday 1st January 2008 - 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their

families are invited to attend

Swimming Trip - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall. The PLs have decided that we will be going ~~Ice Skating~~ Swimming on Friday 30th November to local Ice Arena, Parents are responsible for transporting their sons to / from

Troop Welcome "2008" Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between Christmas and New year on Friday 28th December 6.50pm - 9.15pm After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - **contact your PL for details.**

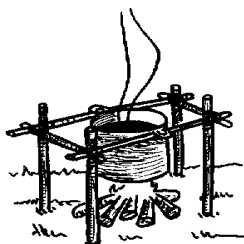


Troop Dinner

The PLs under the guidance of SPL Harry Wright, with the help of BoB Weingarh are organising a Troop Dinner on Friday 14th December, to thank some of the people who have helped the Troop over the past twelve months. All Scouts and Young Leaders will be invited to the event.

Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 19th January 2008, 5.45pm at the Magnet. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 416575**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Congratulations goes to PG team *Ben Cox, Tom Fantham and Kieran Patel* for Winning the District Chef Cooking Competition, they were joint Winners with Furze Platt Scouts. They had to produce a three course meal for four people within a budget of £12-£13. Culinary experts Edwige Brown judged the competition. Each team had to eat the meal they cooked, plus have a Guest from the scout Fellowship (fourth person) to eat the meal with them.

Also well done to PG's second team, James Ashe, Phillip Ellis and Myles Rankin for taking part in the event and coming fifth.

Remembrance Sunday - Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to Alex Robins and Alan Tarleton for carrying the flags.

New Scouts - We would like to welcome four Cubs five Cubs *Tom Climpson, Sam Jons, Charlie Brown & William Brennan* and their families to the Troop. They have completed their **Moving up Award**. We help a Moving Up Ceremony on Wednesday 7th November, where they made their Scout promise and were invested as Scouts at PG.

"Moving Up Award"

We would like to welcome another four Cubs *Aidan Milston, Nick Hemsley, Jack Belston and Keegan Curlewis* who have started doing their **Moving up Award** with the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop. They will be **Moving Up** on Wednesday 5th December.



Gold Chief Scouts Award

Congratulations goes to Harry Wight, Matthew Coppin and Laurence Corbitt on being presented with the Gold Chief Scouts Award. Harry, Matt and Laurence made reaffirmed their Scout promises. The Gold Chief Scouts award is the highest award a Scout can gain. Congratulations go to all three of them

SPL

We would like to welcome Harry Wright as the New SPL (Senior Patrol leader) and Nic Jones on taking on the role as Patrol Leader of Swifts. We would like to wish them both good luck with their new roles. Harry and the Patrol Leaders have organised some interesting Troop meetings in November including Hot Air Balloons, which we had to do in side due to the heavy rain, Pioneering Evening. We have also held a Fire Drill, to remind the Scouts what to do in an emergency

District Night Hike -

37 Scouts, leaders and adults from PG joined Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course between Pinkneys Green, furze Platt, Cookham and Cookham Dean. We entered three teams. They left the PG base at 10.00pm and completed the course by 4.30am. The PG teams did very well and came 6th, 12th & 16th. We would like to thank Bhupendra Patel, Chris Tarleton, Greg Hurst, Ken Knight, Andy Rankin, Rob Stroud & Jon Corbitt: for walking with the Scouts, plus Rob Ayre, John Boothman, Phill Bristow for manning the PG Base. The PG Young leaders took part in Explorers event and did very well running around the whole course, in 2 hours 45 minutes, and betting six other teams and winning the event. Well done to Mark courtier, Graham Wolfe and Alex Robins. The night was dry with a hard frost until 3am when it started to rain



Simon Wheeler



PG Four

The four PG Scouts *Mark Courtier, Toby Ayre, James Kirk & Alex Robins*, who went on the world Jamboree went to Netherlands, during half term. They stayed at the **Buitenzorg** Scouting Centre, Baarn in Utrecht Province. They went with 75 other Scouts from Berkshires Jamboree

Units for a week of They met up with some Dutch scouts from the Jamboree, went cycling and hiking, participated in JOTA/JOTI, did community work, spent a day at a theme park and visited a Dutch outdoor museum. Overall a worthwhile week, and a good wind down from the Jamboree.

See www.pggoeast.co.uk for photos and Diary of the week

SVGA Projector

Do you know where we can acquire or does you company have one they no longer require

We are looking for a computer SVGA Projector that we can use in the Scout Hall.



Or **do you know where we can buy one for a reasonable price**. The ones we are looking at cost between £300 – £400, can you get the VAT back for us ? We are looking for a projector with a VGA (D-Sub) input and composite video input, preferably with a resolution of SVGA (800x640) or higher



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WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S



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