



# P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## GROUP NEWS

November 2007

### Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service at our parish church **St James Less** at Stubbings. We hope that, as many members of PG and their families will be able to attend this service. The service will be prepared so that all ages can participate and remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 11th November 2007 – 10.30am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform**



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for help from all Parents, Friends and members of PG with our annual Christmas Fair, which is one of our *major Fundraising events of the year*. We cannot run the fair without the Support of Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents

Date: **Sunday 2nd December 2007, 2pm** at the Scout Hall

We are looking for items for the Cubs Bathroom Stall, the Scouts Tombola Stall and the Cake stall. Please send any items you can spare along to your sons meeting.

We are planning the usual Stalls but would like to hear from anyone with new ideas or suggestions. Perhaps you have a Christmas speciality, a craft, a game or some festive refreshments that would help in our fund raising that goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

Contact **Jane Courtier Mhd 628372** with your ideas.

*We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents* will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair as well.

### Christingle Service

We will be holding our annual Christingle (Carol) service at Stubbing Church

Date: Sunday 9th December 2007, 3.50pm

Please make a note of the date

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Details attached to this issue PG Tips

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  
Order form also on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.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 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.



## PARENTS (Report Back) EVENING

Thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, Parents and friends who attended the Groups Report Back Evening. Special thanks go to Mrs Corbitt for supplying the cakes.

Mark Weingarth was presented by the Troop with a Photo of the Scouts and a Silver Thanks Badge, plus the Group gave him a present.

Mark and his wife Laura have immigrated to New Zealand, we would like to wish them all the best with their venture.

## JOTI / JOTA

If you had passed the Scout hall the third weekend in October you would have seen a large aerial on the Green. PG took part in **JOTA – Jamboree on the Air**, where they talked to Scouts all round the world. Special thanks go to Pete Roberts and Bill Somerville for supply the equipment and organising the event, also to the Maidenhead and Burnham Beeches amateur radio club members who helped man the station. The First time we took part in JOTA was 1990. We had a special call sign **GB50PG** to celebrate 50 years of JOTA; our normal call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank Pauline Patel for sorting out the ploughman's lunch for the radio operators, Phill Bristow for supplying and putting up the mast. BoB Weingarth for taking the mast down. Raksha for helping on Sunday and Robert Stroud for helping on the Saturday, with the Communicators Badge



We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the eleventh year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to those who supplied the equipment, to *Alex Robins, Graham Wolf and Toby Ayre* for helping to set up the computers, plus *Graham Wolfe, Michael Crown* and Patrol Leaders who ran the event over the weekend. Special thanks goes to *Elizabeth Lawlor, Chris Tarleton & Andrew Jones* with their help with the computers. We had up to thirty computers networked. Over 50 Scouts and 25 Cubs took part in the event; we also had quite a few visitors came to see what we were doing. We made contact with over sixteen countries, including all over Europe, America, Australia and Asia.

Over twenty Scouts and Simon manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired Scouts on Sunday.

**Reminder PG's Web Pages** (over 280 pages of info) address: [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

## Pinkneys Green Scout Group is part of an online shopping scheme.

[www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)

Numerous High Street retailers and Internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Cotton Traders and John Lewis.

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](http://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 £370 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.



So [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)

### Webb Ivory

**We have extended the order date for LAST DATE FOR ORDERS Saturday 10th November.** Please circulate the catalogue to your family and friends and bring in orders as you get them.

If you have not received a catalogue and would like one, please contact your sons Leader. This year we will be fund raising with the Webb Ivory catalogue, books went out early September please 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

### PG Yellow Tee Shirts

Raksha has the yellow PG Activity shirts for sale. These are worn by Beavers, Cubs & Scouts as part of their activity gear (When they take their uniform shirts off) **Scouts all** need them as part of their activity gear. The price cost £6 each. They are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 76, Pinkneys Road Tel: Mhd 628160

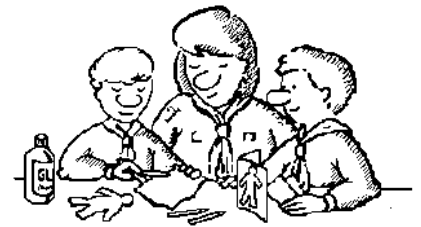
### Pantomime Script - Binding

Help we are looking for some one to bind the Script for next years Scouts Pantomime Sleeping Beauty. The Script is approx 80 pages x' S 36 copies.

If you can help with the binding or have a binding machine we can borrow please contact Simon Email [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) or call Mhd 623910

## BEAVER NEWS

This term the Beaver colony has been out in the local woods as the weather good, evening was run by Benny where we thought that seeing that it was basically the last night it would be light we thought we would take them into the woods which went well and they all got very muddy while play in a few games, We have been learning about the body and what makes us all different. The Maidenhead District Beavers are holding a craft competition on the 4th November 2007, all Beavers should have received a copy of the classes, **if not contact Keo.**



Can we take this opportunity to remind parents of our uniform which we **must** wear to Beavers, Beaver jumper and Beaver navy cargo trousers or shorts, with PG neck-a-chief. This can be bought from the Scout shop, Wednesday evening's 7.00pm till 9.00pm at St. Marks Methodist Church. Have great half term boys and we will see you on 29th October.

**Parents don't forget** we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd 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**

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

**Future event:** Monday 3rd December – Beaver Christmas Party **6pm - 7.30pm** Run by Scouts  
Parents will be asked to supply some food – Note finish Time is 7.30pm

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## CUB NEWS



Thank you to all parents that came to the Group Parent Feedback Evening on the 5th October, unfortunately I could not be there myself to make the presentation but I hope you enjoyed the automated slide show that I prepared specially!

October has already started filling the slides for next year, starting with first swimming session in Marlow on Saturday 13th. The swimming sessions are a good opportunity for all to gain the staged activity swimming badges that are crucial for the cubs (and later scouts) to participate in water-based activities. The next dates are 10/11/07 and 17/11/07, please contact *Jacala* (Jon Corbitt) if you have not already replied.

Two of our cubs attended the District Chess Competition at the URC in Maidenhead. Well done to Daniel Henshaw on coming 7th and Aidan Milston on come 9th out of 18 Cubs from all over Maidenhead, who took part

Following our '*Communication*' evening on Wednesday 17th October was the all weekend JOTA/JOTI event (Jamboree on the Air, Jamboree on the Internet) which plenty of our cubs took part. Well done to those that gained their '*Communicators Badge*', we are very fortunate at PG to have opportunities to complete badges like this!

Thank you to the Scout Troop who ran our half term meeting, the cubs '*Scary/Halloween Party*' was a great success with some extremely well thought of, and some very realistic costumes. Well done to *Jack Harris-Holborn* for winning the 'best costume' prize. Other games included Musical Chairs, Bobbing for Apples, and Eating the Donough off the string (with no hands!). There are some interesting photos on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)



*Jacala* (Jon Corbitt)

At the end of October was our '*Stranger Danger*' meeting and we are all looking forward to the International Evening (following Cub Camp's International Theme) on the 7th November 2007.

Don't forget we need your help at the Christmas fair, Sunday 2nd December, setting up, providing items, spending money etc. Also don't forget to order your Christmas Tree through PG Scouts – they are fantastic trees and help to raise a great deal of funds for the group.

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## SCOUT NEWS

### 2007 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Cornwall; a big thank you goes to 42 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 **second payment £20 is due by 10th November**, 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 Second payment is due by 10th November**

### Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts (Over 13 years old), they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 23rd- 24th November. Can you please reply even if you are unable to attend. Full details available from Simon

### Christmas Fair

The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every Scout & Young Leader 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.





**District Night Hike** - We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 16th November - 8.45pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts (and Cubs doing their Moving Up Award) can take part even if their parents are unable to attend (only if we have enough parents to walk with each group), cost £1 per person. We hope that, as many Scouts and **Parents** will be able to take part. For more details contact Simon by 9th November. Scouts without parents taking part will be dropped off at home, at the end of the event.

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](http://www.friendsoflongridge.org.uk) [To go towards the money they require to buy the site]

**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 or email him.

**Make a Note of This Date! - 16th November**

**Ice Skating 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 on Friday 30th November to local Ice Arena, Parents are responsible for transporting their sons to / from Ice Arena

**Beaver Christmas Party** - The Scouts are organising a Christmas Party for the Beavers on Monday 3rd December – 5.40pm to 7.30pm – we are looking for Scouts to help organise *Party Games* for the Beavers. Offers of help to Simon please.

**New Scout** - We would like to welcome *Nick Green* to the Troop, *Nick* has made his Scout promise and been invested as a Scout. We would like to welcome *Nick* and his family to PG

**Moving Up Ceremony** - We would like to welcome two Cubs *Edward Kersey & James Carr* and their families to the Troop. They have completed their *Moving up Award*. We help a Moving Up Ceremony on Wednesday 17th October, where they made their Scout promise and were invested as Scouts at PG. Can we thank Scouts *Aaron Burton* and *Matthew Carr* who attend the Cub Meeting and help with the moving up ceremony



**JOTI / JOTA** – We had a very good turn out this years with lots of Scouts taking part some time over the weekend including quite a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. A special thanks goes to young leaders for helping *Simon* make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

**District PLs Training Course** – *Niven Willett, Daniel Tydeman, Alan Tarleton, Nicolas Jones, Tom Fantham* and *Kya Baxter* attend this course at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking forward to them putting into practice what they have learnt, in their roles as APLs and PLs.

**Cubs Halloween Party** – The Scouts ran the Pack meeting during half term on the theme of Halloween; we managed apple bobbing, smarties in flour – donuts on a string, plus wrapping cubs up in toilet roles. Thanks goes to *Graham Wolfe* and *Michael Crown* and *Harry Wright, Harry Wheeler, Tom Tandy, Kieran Patel, George Kirk, Edward Kersey, Jordan Day-Hunt, Laurence & James Corbit, Matthew Coppin, James Carr* and *Aaron Burton* who helped to organise the evening. The Scouts are also holding a Halloween on the Friday at the end of half term. Photos of both events on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

**Cycle Orienteering** - Well done *Finn Baxter, Matthew Carr, Andrew Duff, Phillip Ellis, Charlie Fidler, Nick Green, Kieran Patel, Tom Tandy, Alan Tarleton* and *Harry Wright* in the District cycle Orienteering event. Thank you goes to dads *Dave Ellis & David Shepherd* and Young Leader *Stuart Shepherd* for supervising a team each team and *Ian Collett* and *Andrew Sutherland* for organising the event

**“Moving Up Award”**

We would like to welcome five Cubs *Aidan Milston, Tom Climpson, Sam Jons, Charlie Brown* and *William Brennan* who have started doing their *Moving up Award Badge* with the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop.

*Simon Wheeler*

**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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# Pinkneys Green Scout Group

## PG 2007 Christmas Trees



Dear Customer

Once again Pinkneys Green Scout Group is offering Christmas Trees to be delivered direct to your door. This is a fund raising project for the Group, run by volunteers and all profits made go directly to the Scout Group. This project has been run for over 10 years now and we have a growing, satisfied customer base. The trees are supplied by our local grower and cut only a few days before delivery. We deliver in the Maidenhead / Cookham / Bourne End / Marlow / Hurley areas.

This year we are offering Spruce, Nordman (non-drop, wide-based) and Fraser (non-drop, narrow-based) to be delivered during Saturday 15 December. Spruce Trees of 3-6ft are £2.50 / ft and £4.00 / ft for 7ft and above. Nordman (non-drop) are £6.00 / ft for 4-6ft and Fraser (non-drop) are £4.50 / ft for 4-5ft. If you order a 5ft, it will be between 5 - 6 feet tall. If you require any other size, please telephone and I will contact our supplier and give you a quote.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£2.50), we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge will be £4.00 for Recycling. This year we will collect the trees for recycling during Saturday 12 January. Please leave it visible in your front garden.

If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form below to Tony Curley, 68 Westwood Green, Cookham, Berkshire, SL6 9DE along with your payment (cheques made payable to PINKNEYS GREEN SCOUT GROUP) **before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** or take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scouts Christmas Fair on Sunday 2nd December. (Cheques will be banked in the New Year).

I look forward to receiving your order and may I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Tony Curley  
PG Group Chairman (Tel: 01628 526778)

Registered Charity Number: 300501

Size/Type	Spruce		Nordman		Fraser	
	Cost	Please tick	Cost	Please tick	Cost	Please tick
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4ft	£10.00		£24.00		£18.00	
5ft	£12.50		£30.00		£22.50	
6ft	£15.00		£36.00		N/A	N/A
7ft	£28.00		Telephone for availability			
Recycling tree from PG	Yes (Add £2.50)		Yes (Add £2.50)		Yes (Add £2.50)	
Recycling only	Yes add £4.00		Yes add £4.00		Yes add £4.00	
Total	£		£		£	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount enclosed £ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheques payable to **Pinkneys Green Scout Group**

Send order and cheque to Tony Curley, 68 Westwood Green, Cookham, Berkshire, SL6 9DE, marking envelope with PG Xmas Tree.