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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

April 2008

PANTOMIME – Sleeping Beauty

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs, Beaver and Leaders for taking part in PG's pantomime Sleeping Beauty, especially the Scouts who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas.

We would like to thank every one who support this years production especially the parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances. A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha) and *Avril Broadley* (Chil) for organising the rehearsals

There are photos of 3 performances on:

www.pgscouts.org.uk



St George's Day Event

This year as normal PG will be taking part in the years St George's Day Parade (*Patron Saint of Scouting & England*).

- Date: Sunday 20th April at 2.10pm
- Meet: Town Hall Car Park
- Finish: **Per Sections at approx 4pm**
- Dress: Full Uniform Inc CLEAN Black/Brown Shoes
- Collection. Money for Collection – The collection is for **Air Ambulance**

We hope that every Beaver, Cub, Scout, young leader & leaders will be able to join us at this event.

Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 25th April 6.45pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact one of our Jumble Sale Coordinators *Jackie Wright Mhd 633037* or *Caron Wheeler Mhd 676021*

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 26th April - 10.30am

PARENTS - we need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

We can not manage with out the support of parents

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 25th or Sat 26th - It would be great



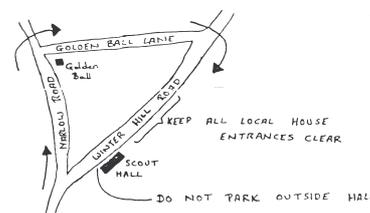
ONE-WAY SYSTEM

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 verges are very muddy 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 Scouts trip up as they make their way to the hall in the dark



Summer Fair - HELP Wanted

Jane Courtier is happy to be overall coordinator for the Summer Fair **but new assistants are needed to help run it.**

Immediate help is wanted to send out the letters that Cubs are currently writing to potential donors and to collate the results.

Soon more volunteers will be needed to help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. **Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk.**

Fair Date is Sunday 22nd June 2008

When people are splitting plants, digging up extra seedlings etc please would they consider setting bits aside as they are a real money earner for our funds at the summer fair.



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online at www.buy.at/pgscouts and raise money at no extra cost for PG.

Over 100 retailers are accessible through the web shop, including BT, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and RAC. Many retailers provide exclusive offers to the web shop, such as discounts or offering free delivery to the customer, providing more reasons for supporters to buy products through the web shop.

"The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!" 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

Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please contact Erica Hunter on Mhd 623154 for more details.

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 If you see a black sack of rubbish in the porch and take it home and put it in your Wheelie Bin**

PLEASE SUPPORT US

REPORT Sleeping Beauty

The following report was written by a Beaver Parent:

Ah: the roar of the grease paint, the smell of the crowd. The car park filled, the hall was full standing room only and the lights were dimmed as on to the stage, for one weekend's special appearance, came PG's very own Spice Girls belting out their favourite hit. And some of them even new all the words, proving rehearsal is never wasted time. Old Spice and Daddy Spice sang their last and left the stage to Scary Spice who gave it one more fling before traipsing off without tripping over his high heels.

Leaving the stage to the main event: Sleeping Beauty. King Cole was a merry young soul who had been cursed never to laugh for 150 years. So he ate cake whilst cracking bad jokes. Queen Coke, a platinum blond girl who's voice will soon break, was busy planning a christening for her only daughter Beauty, (very similar hairstyle, voice at no risk yet) and deciding which of the fairies to invite. Of course anyone who has seen a pantomime before or heard any fairy tales, Grimm or otherwise, could tell her the plans would not work out, the bad fairy (purple frock, nasty attitude) would lay a curse about spinning wheels and needles, the good fairy (orange frock, sleeping sickness, problems with words, but generally good) would help out with a counter charm about a Prince of dreams, and otherwise chaos would follow. As a break from the stresses of life at court, the audience were treated to two interludes: the "Rain-makers" singing in the rain with automatic umbrellas, and a passing imitation of Village People recruiting for the YMCA - a rival organisation to Scouting with some similar aims but less attuned to the outdoors.

Back at the Palace: Chaos did follow as Sir Round and Sir Render jousted, fought each other and did their best to provide security for the entire castle- assisted by a troupe of palace guards, who earlier had been palace maids and later would be maids again ... as long as they could escape the Chamberlain whose sense of political correctness was seriously awry - but then it was pantomime!

So eventually the bad fairy sneaked an accomplice into the Palace complete with Spinning Wheel, the bad fairy managed to get Beauty to prick her finger hence becoming Sleeping Beauty, and 100 years passed peacefully, and thankfully with little snoring, Enter then Prince Charming to kiss Sleeping Beauty. Sleeping Beauty fell for Prince Charming, the King found his laughter again and more cake, the Queen survived all this without her voice breaking, the Chamberlain fell for the accomplice, Sir Round and Sir Render proved gallant and ineffectual in equal measure, and the good fairy and bad fairy made up in the end because after all they were sisters in reality.

Are we all keeping up? And the moral of the story? Who cares: Everyone in the audience gave the appearance of if not knowing where the story was going, but certainly enjoying the journey: a good time was had by one and all and everyone lived happily ever after. At least until the next time?!

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BEAVER NEWS

This term the Beavers have been very busy, as the stage is up for the pantomime, we got a few scouts to come along and help organise a fun night for the beavers, where they could get to show off their musical talent, and tell a few jokes, also they sang *Old MacDonald Had A Farm*, and we split them into four groups to see which group was the best, they all seemed to enjoy this meeting like every year.

Well done goes to *Jake Milston* on performing in the pantomime, singing the song *Singing In The Rain*

They have also made peppermint creams, which was very messy and we found a few Beavers had a sweet tooth. They also been looking at superheroes and got to make their own hero and masks. The week before Easter they made Easter Nest out of chocolate and shredded wheat, see the photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk, the Beavers enjoyed the chocolate.



Alex Jones (Rann)

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CUB NEWS

We have been brushing up on our scouting skills over the last two months and this has also helped the District Flag Team. Well done to the District Flag Team, who came 2nd in the District competition. This is a scouting skills competition and the winning team are presented with the District Flag. The competition was fierce but *Leo Giles, James Kersey, Henry Bennett, Patrick Ashe, Daniel Henshaw, Jack Harris-Holborn, George Jefferson* and *Matthew Brienza* managed to score enough points to beat all but Boyne Hill Altwood.



We welcome *Barnaby Flew* from Beavers and *Ryan Bickerton* from a Welsh Cub Pack to Pinkneys Green Cubs. We hope they will be happy during their time at Cubs.

We have also had a number of Cubs, *Leo Giles, Jack Hatherway, Laurence Jones, James Boxell* and *William Fantham* involved in the Pantomime and a lovely number of Singing in the Rain they performed. We also made use of the staging whilst it was up and had the cubs entertaining each other with joke telling and musical instrument performing. This activity is used towards the Entertainers badge.

Is there anyone who has a collection who would talk about it to the Cubs for about 10 minutes and then take a look at the Cubs individual collections.

When people are splitting plants, digging up extra seedlings etc please would they consider setting bits aside as they are a real money earner for our funds at the summer fair.

Coming up we have a Beijing Olympic Evening (4 months early!), a visit to Wycombe Gang Show, to see Akela perform and our annual visit to Thorpe Park.

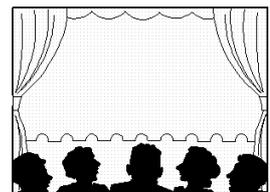
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SCOUT NEWS

Sleeping Beauty

Well done to: *Matthew Carr, Kaya Baxter, Laurence Corbitt, Kieran Patel, Charlie Fidler, Finn Baxter, James Ashe, Harry Wheeler, Tom Flower, James Corbitt, Daniel Tydeman, William Boothman, Nick Hemsley, Andrew Duff, James Carr, Aidan Milston, Jordan Day-Hunt* and *Sam Jons* for all the hard work they have put in over the past three months as the main characters in this years pantomime.



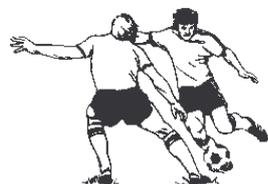
Laser Quest

Well done to the PG Laser Quest team on beating Furze Platt in the finals and winning this years competition. We have won this event for the past 10 years. Well done to the Team: *Nicolas Jones, Max Forman, Niven Willett, Matthew Carr, Daniel Tydeman, Michael Summers, Phillip Ellis, Nick Green, Myles Rankin* and *James Corbitt*.

Thank you goes to BoB Weingarth & Rob Stroud for organising the event, and to Jon Corbitt & Dave Ellis who helped with transport to from the Laser Quest final at the Big Apple, in Wokingham

Help Running Special Beaver Meeting

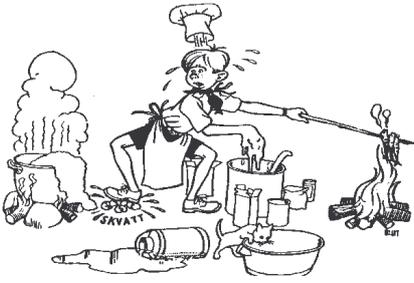
The Scouts ran a special Beaver evening; *We* will Entertain the evening the Beavers told jokes, played musical instruments, magic tricks, plus sing songs organized by the Scouts. A big thank you goes to *Nick Green, Edward Kersey, Sam Jons* and *Tom Climpson* for helping *Alex Shell, Matt Coppin, Toby Ayre & Alex Robins* run Special Beaver meeting. The Beavers had a very enjoyable and noisy evening.



District Football Competition

A big thank you goes to the following Scouts who took part in this year's competition: *Alan Tarleton, William Fyffe, Andrew Duff, Finn Baxter, Richard Hurst, Michael Summers, Kieran Patel, Max Forman, Tom Flower, Phillip Ellis* and *James Ashe*

Also Thank you goes to *Robin & Graham Wolfe, Robert Stroud* and *BoB Weingarth* for assisting with the event



Troop Weekend Camp

We are off to camp Friday 25th April to Sunday 27th April 2008; thank you goes to the Scouts who have replied. If you have not please contact Simon as soon as possible

HELP - We are looking for help to transport equipment to and from camp (To camp 6pm on Thursday 24th April and return trip Sunday 27th April 2008).

If you have a large van or trailer and can help us, please contact *Simon*

Moving Up Award

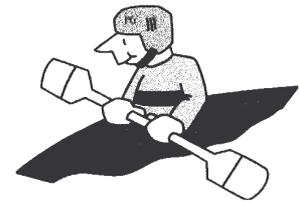
We would like to welcome three Cubs *Joel Cox, Connor Ford* and *Daniel Henshaw* who have started to Link with the Troop. They have started their *Moving Up Award* with the Troop and are coming along to Troop meeting to see what Scouts meetings are like.

We will be investing them at the beginning of the Summer term.

2008 Summer Camp -

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

Simon spent Easter in Cornwall, and has sorted out some of the activities, including Wind surfing, Kayaking, Sailing, Mountain biking, visit to the Eden project as well as checking the field with the farmer



London Monopoly Run 2008

PG Young Leaders took part in this years London Monopoly Run. The task was to visit the 29 original monopoly board locations and solve a clue to find a particular plaque, building etc. in that street/district/station and then take a photo of it with all but one of the team in it.

The older YL's team, Toby Ayre, Mark Courtier & Stuart Shepherd found 25 locations and came 3rd overall. In the 7 hours, they didn't quite have time to get to: Old Kent Road, Bow Street, Fleet Street and Water Works. The 2 teams that beat PG got 26 and 27 clues.

The younger YL's team, George Kirk, Laurence Corbitt, Matt Coppin & Harry Wright, found 2 locations and came 12th.

Next year they plan to do the event again, if it is on, and any YL's are welcome to be in the team(s).

Swimmers Badge

This term all patrols (all but one Scout, must be a record) went swimming to High Wycombe, so that all Scouts could be tested that the reached the minimum Swimming requirements for Water Activities, plus the opportunity to gain the next Staged Swimming badge

Thank you goes to *Rob Stroud* for organising this activity and parents who helped with transport

Simon Wheeler



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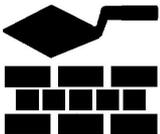
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