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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group




GROUP NEWS

December 2008



Christmas Fair



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

Sunday 7th December 2008 2.00pm

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

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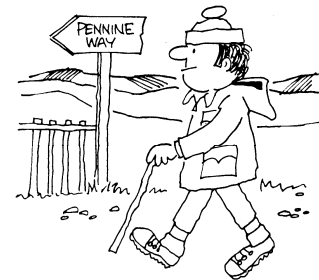
New Year's Day - Morning Walk

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

Date: **Thursday 1st January 2009**

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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



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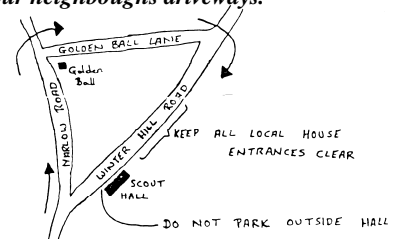
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ONE-WAY SYSTEM

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 14th December 2008 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



BEAVER NEWS

This term the beavers have been doing a lot of exciting things, like the Halloween night were the beavers dressed up and played a lot of exciting Halloween games and then we had Guy Fawkes night when Mr and Mrs Flew gave up there garden so that the beavers could enjoy a big bonfire built by the Scouts Nic & Laurence Jones over the previous weekend, there were also some fireworks as well which went off with a bang. The beavers also visited Maidenhead Fire Station, where they were shown around fire engines; there are some photos on PGs Web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Parents don't forget we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 7th 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 thought.** Please put the Christmas Fair Poster up that we sent home.



Coming Up - Christmas Party run by the Scouts on 1st December – please note that this will be 6.00pm – **7.30pm** (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 14th December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Years Morning Walk, Thursday 1st January 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next Cricket pitch; The first meeting of next year will be Monday **12th January (2009)** - in case anyone has forgotten).

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CUB NEWS

The swimming sessions have been well attended and the Cubs have worked hard to achieve more swimming badges. At Cubs evenings we have covered 999 calls, what to do in an emergency and water safety as part of the swimming badge. Lots of games have been played, organised by the Young Leaders, who come along to help every week. Thank you to them for their efforts.

Well done to *Alex Hodgetts, Jonathan Sneller, Kieran Wijesinghe* and *John Conacher* who took part in the Maidenhead District Chess competition. From the scores, it looked like most of the Cubs were similar skilled players.

Thank you to the Cubs who attended the Remembrance Day service. I was unable to be there this year, but I understand the Reverend asked that her thanks be passed on to the Cubs and parents who attended.

We look forward to seeing all at the Christmas Fair on the 7th December and Christingle Service on the 14th December.

Dates for your diary:

- **29 November** the Cubs will be able to work towards swimming badges at Court Garden pool, Marlow. The sessions will be 5-6pm and will cost £4 to cover the hire of pool and lifeguard.
- **Wednesday 3 December** Cubs to bring in their collections as part of the Collectors badge
- **Sunday 7 December** is PG Christmas Fair and deadline for Christmas tree orders. Please, please support the fair in some way!
- **Wednesday 10th December** – Dick Whittington Panto at Maidenhead Town Hall.
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Carol singing and parcel delivery in local area. Meet at Scout Hall
- **Tuesday 1 January, New Years mornings walk** 10.30am National Trust Car Park
- **Saturday 31 January 2009** – District Swimming Competition



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

Rikki (*Lesley Curley*)

SCOUT NEWS

2009 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Monmouth a big thank you goes to 50 Scouts who have replied. Can we remind those who have not given our treasurer post dated cheques, the **third payment £25 is due by 25th December**, please try and pay by that date to save me sending you a reminder

Christmas Fair

The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for items to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall.

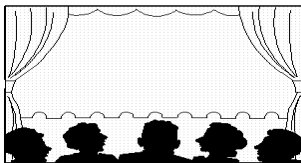
Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.

Raffle Tickets: please return stubs and Money by Friday 5th Dec, plus any unsold tickets. If you require more tickets we have some at the Scout Hall/

Christingle Service

Scouts and Young Leaders don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 14th 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 Peter Pan at **Theatre Royal Windsor** on Friday 9th January 2009,

If we have any spare tickets, we will offer them to parents, who can purchase them.

Swimming Trip - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall. The PLs have decided that we will be going Fun Swimming on Friday 5th December to Windsor Swimming Pool, Parents are responsible for transporting their sons to / from

Troop Dinner

The PLs under the guidance of SPL Nic Jones, with the help of BoB Weingarth are organising a Troop Dinner on Friday 19th December, to thank some of the people who have helped the Troop over the past twelve months. All Scouts Young Leaders be invited to the event.

New Years Morning Walk

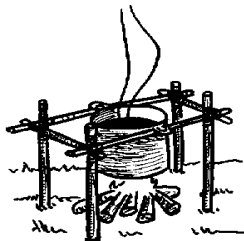
We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Thursday 1st January 2009 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families & friends are invited to attend

Troop Welcome "2009" Party

We are holding a New Year Party on Friday 2nd January 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.**

Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 31st January 2009, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Congratulations go to PG team *Ben Cox, James Ashe* and *Kieran Patel* for Winning the District Chef Cooking Competition. 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.

They will be representing Maidenhead & PG at the County Cooking Competition on 21st February 2009.

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 Edward Kersey for carrying the flags.

Gold Chief Scouts Award

Congratulation goes to Nic Jones and Alan Tarleton on gaining their Gold Chief Scouts Award. Nic & Alan will be presented with their awards at this years troop Dinner. The Gold Chief Scouts award is the highest award a Scout can gain. Congratulations go to all three of them

SPL & New PLs

We would like to welcome Nic Jones as the New SPL (Senior Patrol leader) and Michael Summers on taking on the role as PL of Falcons and Charlie Fidler on taking on the role as Patrol Leader of Swifts. We would like to wish them all good luck with their new roles.

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District Night Hike -

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 two teams. This year our base was at Cannon Court Farm. The teams left the PG base at 10.00pm and completed the course by 4.00am. We would like to thank parents Pauline Patel, Lori Flynn, Tim Brenham, Simon Hemsley, Greg Hurst, Andrew Jones and leader, Rob Stroud for walking with the Scouts, plus Rob Ayre, John Boothman, Phill Bristow, BoB Weingarh, Nicolette Smith and Jon Corbitt for manning the PG Base, and providing refreshments for all the Scouts and Explorers who took part. This year over 200 people from Groups all over Maidenhead took part.



With out the support of the parents and leaders we could not have taken part in this event

Simon Wheeler

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Help Required – For Our Christingle Service

We are looking for help to make the Christingles on Saturday 13th December 9.30am at Stubbings Church (Takes approx 45 minutes). **We are looking for offers of help making/ providing mince pies.**

Offers of help to Raksha (Sheila Stinton) Tel: Mhd 628160.

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.


WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

A3 Plain paper	Flat Computer Screen	Computer Mice
Pencils	Battery Drill	Electrician – to change a couple of light fittings
Elastic Bands (Postmen's ones)	Central Heating Timer Clock	

If you can help, please let a leader know or email Simon at help@pgtips.org.uk or call Mhd 623910

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 is £6. They are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 76, Pinkneys Road Tel: Mhd 628160



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

& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM



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