P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group

GROUP NEWS

January 2008

On behalf of all the Leaders, we hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and

We Wish You All A Happy New Year.

Attached to this months ***PG Tips*** is an outline of the major events for 2008

Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your son(s).

Important Dates for your 2008 Diary:

Sunday 22nd June – Our Annual "***Fair on the Green***"

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our most prolific fundraisers and friends of PG have recently celebrated birthdays. We would like to send Bill and Hilda Hutt our best wishes and thank them for their many years of help.
Bill is now 90 and Hilda 93 years old. Hilda was our Akela in the 1930's and Bill a Scouter. They both served on the Executive committee, Bill as chairman; they have helped in all fundraising in so many different ways.
Thank you for the help and support you have given us through the years.

Erica Hunter, Group Scout Leader

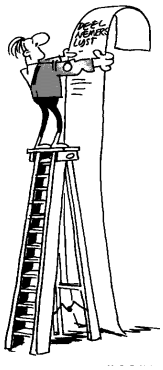
Christmas Trees

Can we Thank Tony & Lesley Curley for organising our Christmas tree project, plus to all the Scouts / Parents for delivering the promotional leaflets (we sent out over 3,500 this year), plus to every one who delivered the tree and collected them for recycling and to every one who purchased a Christmas tree this year.

We sold 172 trees (as we go to press we don't know how much we raised)

Christmas Fair

Thanks to everyone for their help at the Christmas especially to all the Parents and friends who supported this, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£762**. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green. A big thank you goes to *Jane Courtier* for organising the parcels, to *Akela* and the Cubs for delivering them and singing the carols, so well!, also to everyone who supported the fair.



FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING

A big thank you goes to every one who has shopped online via PG Web Site. A big thank you goes to every one who ordered SKY via our online shopping we hope to have raised over £225 commission.

Remember we need your support; it is quite simple **To access our web shop, enter the address www.buy.at/pgscouts** (or go via the link on our web site www.pgscouts.org.uk) into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase.

The web shop contains a range of merchants, including many household names such as the Coop, Welcome Holidays and Blackwells Books, selling a wide variety of different products from holidays and flights to books and even beds! PG earns between 3% - 15% of the value of all goods bought through the shop.

We encourage you to support this initiative as there is no administration for PG and therefore it is effortless fundraising. Additionally, it does not take many purchases by even a small proportion of members for the commission to add up over the year. You must go via this web site for us to get commission.

Here's the address again, **www.buy.at/pgscouts**. **And don't forget to tell your friends**

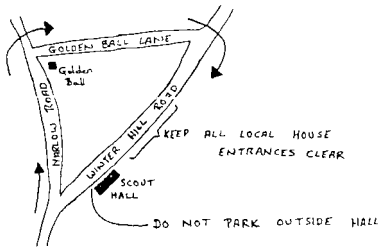
ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Can 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 neighboughs 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.

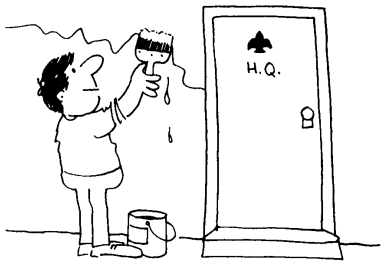
We have had several Scouts trip up as they make their way to the hall in the dark



Congratulations - Toby Weingarth

Goes to Laura & Mark Weingarth on the birth of their Son Toby, 7lb 10oz

There is a photo on PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk



2008 Panto – Sleeping Beauty

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Sleeping Beauty, it will be on Friday 14th March & Saturday 15th March 2008. A big thank you goes to all the Scout parents who have offered to help support this years production, we do need more offers of help.

We are still looking for the following Help:

Sort Back Cloths and repair them (2 people)

- Go through all our back cloths (some when during February - up to you) sort out the Sleeping Beauty Ones, repair them (made out of old sheets - so might need some tape on them) Replace any broken bits of wood (top / bottom) make sure that the Cup hooks (to hold them up) are in the right place

Painting Back Cloths (least 1 person)

- Do we have an artist amongst our readers - we might need to replace a couple of the back cloths - If you think you can help with painting or know of anyone, please contact Simon

Building (Putting Together) the Stage (8-10 people)

- We will be putting the stage together over the weekend 15th - 17th February 2008 and I am looking for help from Dads (& Mums) with an electrical Screw driver - you don't have to be an expert to put it together - we are just looking for people to hold things and screw the bits together

Replacing Stage floor

- We have acquired some new sheets of Shutter Ply and need to replace the flooring of the stage. If you can space a couple of hours and have a circular saw your help would be appreciated – It can be done to suite you – as long as it is before 7th February

If you can help with any of the above, please let Simon know
either email **simon@pgtips.org.uk** or call Mhd 623910

White Sheets & Emulsion Paint

We are looking for White (or light coloured) sheets which we can use as back cloths and White Emulsion paint for this years pantomime – if you have any we can have please contact Raksha Mhd 628160

Christingle Service

Thanks go to all the parents, friends and members of the Group attended the Christingle Service at our parish church at St James the Less, Stubbings. Special thanks go to Vicar: *The Revd Canon Theresa Scott for* taking the service, to the friends and members of the group who attended the service. Also to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments afterwards. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles. Photos of this event are on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk took place on Tuesday 1st January 2008. Approx 60 youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green to Maidenhead Thick, then to Stubbings House, before going through the thicket and then returning to Cricket Club Car Park. Quite a few of the walkers stopped off at the Waggon and Horses on the way home for some refreshments. There are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

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BEAVER NEWS

The Beavers have had a busy time before Christmas, the Scouts organised a Christmas Party for them where under direction of the Young Leaders, they organised party games including an interesting pass the parcel. Games were played such as Sleeping Lions, Musical Chairs and then after these games we all ate the mountains of party food that everyone contributed to (Thank you parents for the food). After food there was enough time for one more game. There are some photos on the PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Thank you goes to all the Beavers who attended the Christingle Service and Thank you goes the parents who supplied mince pies.

Also it was good to see all the Beavers and their families on the New Years Morning walk, you all seemed to enjoy the walk

We would like to welcome two new Young Leaders, *Matthew Coppin* and *Alex Shell* who are going to be helping at Beavers for the next couple of terms, we would like to wish them good luck with their new roles

First Beaver meeting of 2008 will be 6pm on **Monday 14th January 2008**

CUB NEWS

The Cubs have been away from the hall in December. The Cubs attended the Christingle service at Stubbings church. It was a really good service and the boys sang carols with the rest of the congregation. Well done and thank-you to the boys who attended, there are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

This year Pantomime Trip was to a visit to the Maidenhead Town Hall pantomime to see Maidenhead Drama Guild pantomime ***Panto at the OK Corral,*** here the cubs enjoyed the interesting pantomime. We then had an evening of delivering food parcels and singing carols to older folk in the Pinkneys Green area. The boys had a great time in the dark with their torches, wearing their yellow florescent jackets and seeing all the Christmas lights at the houses. The cubs were in full voice singing the carols. Thank you to goes to every one who helped on the evening, especially Jane Courtier for putting together the parcels.

Four Cubs *Aidan Milston*, *Nick Hemsley*. Jack Belston and Keegan Curlewis have completed their *Moving up Award* with the Troop .and were invested as Scouts at the Moving Up ceremony that was held at Cubs, we wish the good Scouting with the Troop.

It was also good to see Cub parents helping on stalls and visiting at the Christmas Fair. The total raised was £762 (aprox.). Thank you for the supporting the group.

The first Cub meeting for 2008 will be On **Wednesday 9th January**, when we are holding a New Year Party, with the theme **Cartoon characters**

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SCOUT NEWS

Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 19th January 2008 at 5.40pm. We are looking for Scouts to help us defend the *Myer Shield* (Which we won for being the overall Winner). Any Scout interested in representing the Troop contact *Tarka* Mhd 416575

We hope Scouts who are not in the Team will come along a support the Troop

Young leaders, please let *Simon* know if you are interested in taking part in the Explorers event

Patrol Swimming

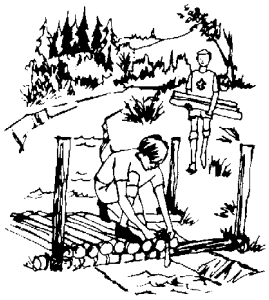
We will again be taking each Patrol to High Wycombe, so that every Scout can be re-tested for the minimum standard for taking part in water activities, as well a been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.**

Rob Stroud will be organising this activity, with help from a young leader

We will require help from parents with transport.

Training Weekends

We will be holding training Weekends for Scouts, which will be held at the Scout Hall depending on age of Scouts (as per the letter you should have received)



- Year 6 8th – 9th February
- Year 7 & 8 25th – 26th January
- Year 9+ 1st – 2nd February

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.

Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 17th and Sunday 20th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this years Pantomime, Rehearsals will be on Thursday evening 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

The dates of the performances will be **Friday 14th March**, 7.00pm + **Saturday 15th March**, 3.00pm & 7.00pm. Make sure that you are available on those dates if you wish to take part

New Scouts

We would like to welcome *Miles Hewitt- Jones and Harry Tanner* who have started their Moving Up Award with the Troop, we would like to welcome them and their families to PG

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 **fourth payment £20 is due by 10th January**, 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 fourth payment is due by 10th January

Gold Chief Scouts Award

Congratulations goes to Alex Shell and George Kirk on being presented with the Gold Chief Scouts Award. Alex & George 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

Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2008) Medical & Personal Detail Forms.

Can parents please complete and return these forms to *Simon* **by 24th January.** It is important that we get the updated forms, as medical conditions change, plus at least one Scout has moved house (without telling us)

Tombola

Thank you to the Parents & Scouts who provided items for the Tombola Stall and to the Scouts and Leaders who helped set the stall up on the Sunday morning and those who wore uniform and manned it in the afternoon, also thanks go to the Scouts who helped on other stalls

Christingle Service

Special thanks goers to *Alex Robins* for carrying the Troop flag, and to *Toby Ayre* who did the readings, plus all the Scouts who made the effort to attend this special service. The church was full. The Christingles looked very good when the **Glow Sticks** were lit and the lights were dimmed (We hope to be back to candles in 2008)

Scouts Annual Dinner

This is where the Scouts invite people who have helped the **Troop** over the past twelve months. On Friday 14th December the PLs invited us to join the guests they had invited. Over 100 Scouts and guests, sat down for a three-course meal. We had Brussels pate with Melba toast and salad starter, followed by Pasta Bolognese, then Yule log, and mince pie with cream for desert.

A big thank you goes to *BoB Weingarth* & *Chris Parker* for preparing the meal and SPL *Harry Wright* for organising the event with the PLs

Troop New Years Party

The Friday between Christmas & New Year Patrol Leaders organised a party for those Scouts who had nothing else to do. Each Scout brought some party food, and the leaders supplied plenty of lemonade & coke.

Thanks go to all the Scouts and their parents who supplied food & drink. They had an interesting evening where they played party games, including blindfold musical chairs

Trip to See Cinderella

At the beginning of 2008, 45 members of the Troop, went to the *Theatre Royal Windsor (not High Wycombe as it said in Decembers PG Tips)* to see Cinderella.

We all had a very enjoyable evening. A big thank you goes to the Leaders and Parents who helped transport the Scouts and BoB for organising the event.

www.pgscouts.org.uk

There are over 195 pages on www.pgscouts.org.uk which contain information about what the Scouts are going to be doing, plus reports and photos of Scout activities going back to 1998. Simon tries to keep the web site up to date,

Troop Camp

The first big camp of 2008, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, will be at the end of April

Date: 25th – 27th April 2008 (***Please make a note of the date***)

We hope that all Scouts will attend this camp, especially the ones, who have joined us in the last six months, as it is important that you attend at least one camp, before you go on Summer Camp in July to Cornwall.

The date has changed, it is a week earlier thn the previous published date due to at least two Patrol leaders being away on a rugby tour

Simon Wheeler

Marquee & Mess Tents For Hire

We will be hiring out our tents from after Easter till the end of September

White Marquee 20ft x 40ft
Green Marquee 20ft x 40ft
Mess Tents 14ft x 24ft

For details / bookings please contact
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Pinkneys Green Scouts

2008 Outline Programme

January 2008 PG Tips

1 January	**Group**	-	**New Years Morning Walk** - 10.30am
4 January	Scouts	-	Trip Theatre Royal Windsor Cinderella
9 January	Cub	-	New Year Party 'Cartoon Characters'
13 January	Scout	-	PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
17 January	Scout	-	Auditions for Scouts Pantomime SLEEPING BEAUTY
19 January	Cub/Sc	-	District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scts 5.40pm]
25-26 Jan	Scout	-	Training Course (Year 7 & 8)
1-2 Feb	Scout	-	Training Course (Year 9 & above)
8-9 Feb	Scout	-	Training Course (Year 6)
15-17 Feb	**Group**	-	**Build Staging etc.** for Pantomime Parents Help required
20 February	Cub	-	Incident Hike (Run by PL's & APL's)
23-24 Feb	**Group**	-	**Paint Staging etc**. for Pantomime Parents Help required
1 March	Scout	-	District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
1-2 March	Scout	-	LAN Weekend
3 March	Beaver	-	"We Entertain" – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
7 March	Scout	-	Trip Windsor Swimming Pool (Scouts not in Panto)
14-15 March	**Group**	-	**Scouts Pantomime *SLEEPING BEAUTY***
16 March	**Group**	-	**Help Dismantling PG Stage** – 10.30am Parents Help required
16 March	YL		District YL First Aid Course
30 March	Scout	-	District Football Competition
25-27 April	Scout	-	**Troop Camp** - ALL Scouts to Attend
26 April	**Group**	-	**Jumble Sale** 10.30am
10 May	Cub	-	District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
10 May	**Group**	-	**Jumble Sale** 10.30am
28 May	Cub	-	Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
20 June	Scout	-	District Orienteering Competition
22 June	**Group**	-	**Summer "*Fair On The Green*"**
29 June	Cub	-	District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
29 June	Scout	-	District Water Activity Day - Longridge Scouts
2 July	Beaver	-	Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
6 July	**Group**	-	**Fun Day + AGM** (Provisional Date)
24 Jul - 6 Aug	Scout	-	**Summer Camp** – Bodmin Moor - All Scouts
			[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year]
5-7 Sept	Cub	-	**Cub Camp** - ALL Cubs to attend (Provisional Date)
12 Septembe	Scout	-	Evening Mystery Trip
13 Septembe	Group	-	**Jumble Sale** 10.30am
20-21Sept	Scout	-	LAN Weekend
27 Septembe	**Group**	-	**Jumble Sale** 10.30am
28 Septembe	**Group**	-	**Harvest Festival** at Stubbings Church (Provisional Date)
3 October	**Group**	-	**Parents Evening** (Report back of Years activities) 7pm
4 October	Scout	-	District PL's Training Course
5 October	Scout	-	Scouts Cycle Orienteering event - Lookout Bracknell
18-19 Octobe	**Group**	-	**JOTA & JOTI** Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)
29 October	Cub	-	Halloween Party (Run by the Scouts)
15 November	Scout	-	District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
9 November	**Group**	-	Remembrance Sunday Parade - ALL Beavers Cubs & Scouts
21-22 Nov	Scout	-	District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
28-29 Nov	Scout	-	Older Scout Activity Weekend
1 December	Beaver	-	Christmas Party (Run by the Scouts)
5 December	Scout	-	Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming) All Scouts
7 December	**Group**	-	**Christmas Fair *On a Sunday***
10 December	Cub	-	Trip to pantomime - Dick Whittington
14 December	**Group**	-	**Carol (*Christingle*) Service** at Stubbings Church
19 Dec	Scout	-	Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
20-21 Dec	Scout	-	LAN Weekend
30 December	Scout	-	Scouts New Year Party (On A Wednesday)

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