



P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

November 2008

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 9th November 2008 – 10.35am**

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

CHRISTMAS TREES

Details attached to this issue PG Tips

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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 7th December 2008**, 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - RAFFLE

Our Christmas Fair Raffle Coordinator **Tracy Brienza**, will be sending five books of raffle tickets to each Beaver, Cub, Scout & Young Leader. You are asked if possible to do your absolute best to sell them to friends, neighbours, family, in fact anyone who fancies a chance at winning some really great prizes. This year we have two CD systems up for grabs as well as tickets for London Wasps, a turkey, riverboat trip, haircut at Toni & Guy, a case of wine, a watch, a meal for two and more !!!

As an **incentive** we are going to run a **competition**: whoever sells the most tickets will win a brand spanking new Nintendo DS Lite, but the catch is this, you need to sell more than the 5 books you will have been given. If you would like some Raffle Tickets to sell for PG, contact **Tracy** on Mhd 784679



We need your help. The Maidenhead Advertiser's new Cash For The Community (CFTG) scheme

Cash For The Community is a straightforward 'token collect' scheme, with special tokens printed over a ten-week period to Thursday, November 27 in the Maidenhead Advertiser series. Please collect the token for us, we will have a box just inside the Scout Hall, please send the tokens along to your sons meeting. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Christingle Service

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

Date: Sunday 14th December 2008, 3.50pm

Please make a note of the date



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. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. We our normal call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank Phill Bristow for supplying and putting up the mast. Also to Rikki, Raksha, Baloo, John Stevens, Denis Bateman and BoB Weingarh for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Over weekend 48 badges were gained.

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 Michael Crown* who ran the event over the weekend. Special thank you goes to *Elizabeth Lawlor, Chris Tarleton & Andrew Jones* with their help with the computers. We had up to thirty computers networked. Over 100 people visited us over the weekend. We made contact with over seventeen 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.

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

www.buy.at/pgscouts

Numerous High Street retailers and Internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. **Sky, BT, 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!!**

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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 – Copying Help we are looking to copy next years Scouts pantomime Script, Jack & Bean Stalk, The Script is approx 80 pages x' s 36 copies.

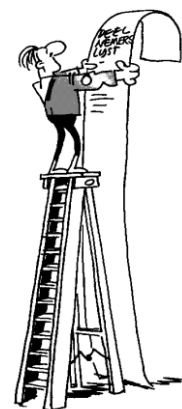
Binding Help we are also looking for some one to bind the Script

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

PHOTOCOPYING

Can we thank all the parents who help us with photocopying. We have 8 parents who print us off 20 - 100 copies of PG Tips every month. Due to one of the leaders changing their Job, we have lost one of our photocopyers. .

Our major problem is A3 posters for things like Christmas Fair, Jumble Sales, etc. If you can help with any A4 photocopying 20 copies or more, or can do 6 to 50 copies of A3 posters, we can give you a couple of months notice for these, please let us know and we will add you to our list.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

A3 Plain paper

Pencils

Elastic Bands (Postmen's ones)

Flat Computer Screen

Battery Drill

Central Heating Timer Clock

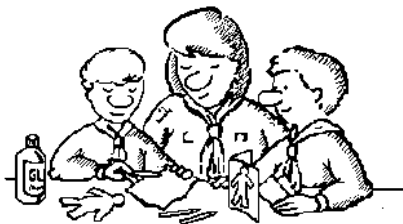
Computer Mice

Electrician

If you can help, please let a leader know

BEAVER NEWS

An official welcome to our new Beavers, and their families following their investiture last month. We hope *Edward Bennett, Samuel March, Joseph Ruffell, Dhruv Mehta, Daniel Juden* have a happy stay with us at Pinkneys Green.



We are having fun with our 'Transport' theme this term. We have already made our 'Junk Craft', the boys over a two week period made and then painted a land, sea or air form of transport. We handed out prizes for the best in each category. Well done to those who won, hope you shared your chocolate with your brothers and sisters!! The Beavers loved making the chocolate trains and our back wall demonstrates the artist talent we currently have within our colony at the moment!

Seven Beavers took part in JOTA / JOTI weekend at the Scout hall; they were able to communicate with other Scouts around the World. This went towards their Beaver Challenge Badge. We had a Halloween Party before half term and Beavers came in fancy dress, there is a selection of photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

We still have lots planned.... We have a Bonfire Night arranged for November 3rd and a trip to the Fire Station on November 10th. Parents, Please look out for the forms on email and complete and return as soon as possible.

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 fought**

Beaver Christmas Party, which the Scouts will be running for us will be on Monday 1st December **6pm - 7.30pm** (Note end time) Parents will be asked to supply some food for the Beavers & Scouts

We are planning a science evening too and in preparation for this please could each Beaver bring a marg. pot to our meeting on 17th November. We are going to look at how transport is powered and moves. Thank you.

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CUB NEWS

It's been a hectic time at Cubs. We have managed to get outside for a few of the evenings – building Shelters was great fun and we met, by accident, Furze Platt Cubs in the woods doing the same activity. We also attempted to fly the kites we made at Cub Camp, but I have to say with very little success. The bamboo canes were just too heavy! We've been writing prayers for Harvest Service. Thank you to the Cubs who did attend the Harvest Service at Stubbings and especially to *Laurence Jones* who read his prayer as part of the Service. The Beaver barrow was lovely and full with products for sending on to those in need.

We have also covered how to protect our homes from crime. If you listen to your sons they can tell you most of the ideas! We also had a visit from *Sean Collins*, a local policeman with connections to PG Group, showing his stab vest, baton, handcuffs (luckily he refused to use them on the boys despite their pleas, because the keys are held at the Station!) and most importantly, his unmarked car. The boys were very impressed by the siren, flashing lights, message board and were invited to sit in the car in groups. Thank you to *Sean* for his time.

Four Cubs took part in the District Chess Competition. Congratulation goes to: *Jonathan Sneller & John Conacher* on coming equal seventh and to: *Alex Hodgetts & Kieran Wijesinghe* on coming equal fifteenth.

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 realistic costumes. The Cubs had to bring an item in a Paper Bag to scare a Cub Leader; some of the items the Cubs brought were very scary and disgusting. The games included Bobbing for Apples, getting a Smartie out of a pile of flour, Eating a Jam Donought off the string (with no hands!) and Musical Scary Chairs. There are some interesting photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk



By the time you read this we will have run the first swimming session (see dates below), invested the new boys who started this term and said goodbye to boys moving on to Scouts. We wish them all the best. A number of the older boys took part in the Sixer Challenge day.

Don't forget we need your help at the **Christmas Fair**, Sunday 7th December, setting up, providing items, spending money etc. Also to order your **Christmas Tree** through PG Scouts – they are fantastic trees and help to raise a great deal of funds for the group.

Dates for your diaries:

- 18 October, 15 November, 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.
- Sunday 9 November will be Remembrance Service at Stubbings at 10.30am approx. **Cubs wear Full Uniform**
- Wednesday 3 December Cubs to bring in their collections as part of the Collectors badge
- Sunday 7 December is PG Christmas Fair.

Rikki (Lesley Curley)

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SCOUT NEWS

2008 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Monmouth; a big thank you goes to 46 Scouts who have replied. Can we remind those who have **not given** our treasurer post dated cheques, the **second payment £25 is due by 25th 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 25th November, to PG treasurer *Sue Giles*

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 28th- 29th 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 21st November - 8.45pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts 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. We are Short of Older Scouts due to a School Trip, **we hope those not away will make the effort and take part.**

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! – 21st November

Mystery Trip - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 5th December. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing. Can all Scouts please let their PL have their ideas.

Beaver Christmas Party - The Scouts are organising a Christmas Party for the Beavers on Monday 1st 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.

Moving Up Ceremony - We would like to welcome eight Cubs, *Alex Mussett, Henry Bennett, Matthew Brienza, Alex Franklin, Lochan Nowacki, Laurence Jones, Jack Harris-Holborn* and *Leo Giles* who took part in a Moving up Ceremony on Wednesday 1st October. They all made their Scout Promise and were all invested as PG Scouts. We would like to welcome their families to the Troop a well.



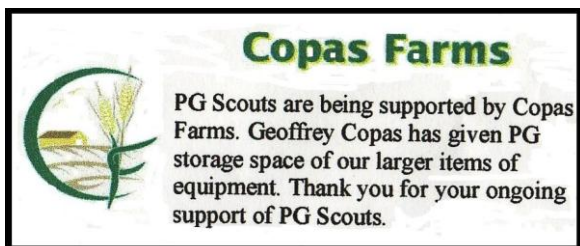
JOTI / JOTA – We had a very good turn out this year with over forty Scouts taking part some time over the weekend including quite a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the fifteen Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to young leaders for helping *Simon*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

District PLs Training Course – *Michael Summers, Thomas Murrell, Charlie Fidler, Matthew Carr, Jim Bunn, Benji Borst* and *James Ashe* 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 Cub meeting during half term on the theme of Halloween; we managed apple bobbing, smarties in flour – donuts on a string, plus scary musical chairs. Thanks you goes to Scouts *Matthew Brienza, Aaron Burton, James Corbitt, Charlie Fidler, Alex Frankin, Max Forman, William Fyffe, Leo Giles, Nick Green, Kieran Patel, Laurence Corbitt* and *George Kirk* 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

Cycle Orienteering - Well done to *Lochan Nowacki, Charlie Fidler, Harry Wheeler* and *Kieran Patel* for representing PG in the District cycle Orienteering event. It was a very wet morning. Thank you also goes to dads *Simon Nowacki* and *Keith Wheeler* for supervising a team each

Simon Wheeler



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Christmas Trees 2008

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 goes 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/Marlow/Bourne End/Hurley areas.

This year we are offering Spruce, Nordman (non-drop, wide-based) and Fraser (non-drop, narrow-based) to be delivered during **Saturday 13th December**. Spruce Trees of 4-6ft are £2.50/foot 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. NB; a 5ft tree will be between 5-6 feet tall, etc. If you require any other size, please telephone and I will contact our supplier for availability.

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 10th 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 **Sunday 7th December** or take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group Christmas Fair on Sunday 7th 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

(tear off)

| Type | Spruce | | | Nordman | | | Fraser | | |
|--|--------|----------|---------|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Size | Cost | Quantity | Total £ | Cost | Quantity | Total £ | Cost | Quantity | Total £ |
| 4ft | £10 | | | £24.00 | | | £18 | | |
| 5ft | £12.50 | | | £30.00 | | | £22.50 | | |
| 6ft | £15 | | | £36.00 | | | £27.00 | | |
| 7ft | £28 | | | Telephone for availability | | | | | |
| Recycling | | | | | Y/N | £ amount | | | |
| Recycling PG supplied tree add £2.50 per tree | | | | | | | | | |
| Recycling Non PG supplied tree add £4.00 per tree | | | | | | | | | |
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Cheques payable to **Pinkneys Green Scout Group**

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

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(We will email you a confirmation that we have received and accepted your order)

Please note any additional information on house location overleaf (some houses are difficult to find!) Thanks.

Have you made a note of the dates?! Happy Christmas!