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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



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GROUP NEWS

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**Pinkneys Green Scouts are 100
on Friday 6th February 2009**

100th Birthday Party

The Scouts will be holding a Birthday Party on Friday evening 6th February to celebrate being 100 years old

The evening will be held at the Scout Hall and on the Green in our marquees. The PLs, with help from the Scouts have been coming up with ideas of what they would like to do. Activities will include some games and quizzes, and if we can get it organised, a Tea Party

PG 100 – Group Camp Friday 5th - Sunday 7th June 2009

To Celebrate our 100th year we are holding a family camp, in the local area

Families and Friends of PG are welcome to camp with us for the weekend. (Note: **ALL** Adults camping, or taking part in the activities during the day time, need to have completed a Scout Association CRB Form, this can take 3 months to process)

Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders, will camp in their Sections. Beavers are only allowed to camp with their own parents.

The weekend will be full of Fun Activities and Games, plus a BBQ on the Saturday Evening, which all Ex members of PG and friends are invited to attend. (Note: You don't have to be CRB'd to attend the BBQ)

Badge Designs

We are looking for two badge designs:

1. Competition to design a Group badge

Design a badge to commemorate Pinkneys Green Scout Group to be worn on the back of our neckerchief from this year, something, which everyone would think of as PG...Also remember when colouring it will be on a half green and half yellow background.

See: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/Competition_to_design_a_group_badge.pdf

2. A Badge to commemorate 100 years of Scouting at PG.

Design this badge to be worn on uniforms this year only and can then be kept as a souvenir.

See www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/100_year_badge.pdf

This is Competition is open to all members, families and friends of PG.

All entries must be submitted to Erica Hunter GSL, 27 St Marks Crescent. SL6 5DD.
By 14th February 2009.

LOOKING FOR NEW SCOUT SHOP MANAGER

Maidenhead and District Scout Exec. are looking for a new Scout Shop manager(s), to take over from current managers, *Denis and Brenda Boothman* who are retiring at the end of March.

All the Scout Groups in Maidenhead benefit from the Scout Shop, as it is local place for their members to purchase correct items of uniform and equipment, plus they get a rebait from the Scout Shop for the items their members purchase. PG has received a lot of money over the years. The Scout Shop Manager is responsible to Maidenhead Scout Exec. and will manage the Scout Shop, which is open during term time, one evening per week. The manager will have responsibilities for stock control, ordering items & controlling the finances. Local Scout Groups will provide the volunteers, to man the shop.

If you would like more details, or know anyone who may be interested in taking on the role as manager of the Scout Shop, please email help@pgtips.org.uk or let a Leader know. The role is *voluntary one*, as are all the leaders at PG.



2009 SCOUT PANTOMIME – JACK & BEAN STALK

Performance(s) Friday 27th March 7pm & / Saturday 28th March 3pm & 7pm

Tickets will be available from the beginning of March – Children / Adults £3.50 each.
They will be sold strictly on first come basis.

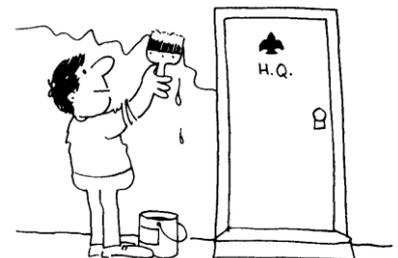
We hope you can come and Support our SHOW !

HELP REQUIRED

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

- We will be putting the stage together over the weekend 14th - 15th February 2009 and we are 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

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



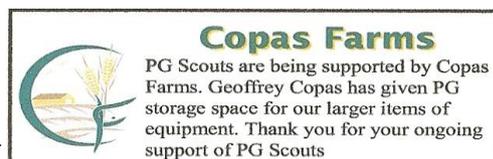
PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

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.

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**

A big THANK YOU goes to every one who has supported us



BEAVER NEWS



Happy New to you all.. Can't believe we are back already and in full swing!! Our theme this term is Science. Do we have any Einsteins in the group? We will be answering lots of questions, what, why, where, when???. It should be a great term, one I hope the boys will look back on fondly. In order to accomplish some wild experiments I will need your help to collect some resources. Firstly we need old cds, they can be used or written on. We also need water bottle tops, the ones that slide up in down to open and close water flow. That will do for starters, so if can get collecting I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

Our first few weeks have gone really well, we looked at structure in week one and understood that shape and strength is very important and the key to building successfully, the Beavers quickly learnt that square bases and triangle shapes made the strongest structures. In week two we had great fun looking at power and how objects are powered. We set the Beavers a challenge. They had to make a straw move gracefully

without touching it, using only a balloon and string. Quickly and mindfully they cracked the challenge. We have lots more to discover...Watch this space!

We have several new boys joining us this term, Logan Bruce, Miles Boxall, Olly Hickey, Cassels, Thomas Knott. We warly welcome you and your family to Pinkneys Green and hope you haev lots of fun with us! We therefore, say goodbye to Luke Jons, George Knott, Joshua Wallace, Julian Sadie and George Rendle. They will soon be swimming up to Cubs and start linking with Cubs next wednesday 21st January. Have fun in Cubs boys.



The Annual Beaveree is coming up on 28th February so pop the date in your diary and I will habd out forms shortly.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in 2009.

Keo (Sheridan Stone)

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CUB NEWS



Back in December, we had a visit from Mr Brian Brinkley, who collects all sorts of things but brought a few of his postcard collection along to show the boys. His collection was so extensive that he was able to give a history of the beginnings of postcards and how they have developed over time. He showed his personal favourites and had some spare postcards that he gave out to the Cubs. He also gave them all a Victorian penny. Mr Brinkley learnt to his cost that things like pennies should be given out at the end of a talk! The boys listened well and then it was their chance to present their collections to a leader and show how to display them and talk a bit about them. Most boys did very well and we hope they will continue with their collections. If anyone else has a collection that they could talk about for 10 minutes and discuss the way a collection should be displayed etc, please contact me for next year!

We took a trip to Maidenhead Town Hall to see Akela in Dick Whittington. Everyone enjoyed the show but we did make a special effort to support Akela every time he came on stage. Good triumphed over evil in the end! Any Cub feeling theatrical would be welcome to join the Cub number in the PG Pantomime in 27th & 28th March! (See Raksha).

With full singing voices, we spent an evening singing carols and delivery parcels to 'oldies' associated with PG Scout Group. The Cubs enjoy this evening as we are out in the dark with torches and we 'dash' about in cars to move around the local area. We hope everyone enjoyed the parcels that Jane Courtier put together. Thank you to Jane for organising the parcels and to all who came along to the Christmas Fair, as some of the money raised was used to purchase the parcels.

At the start of the New Year we had our traditional New Year's party. 'Movies' was the theme and outfits ranged from Abba (Mama Mia) to Zorro. Congratulations to Robert Alcock as The Snowman and Matthew Shimmin as Zorro, who both won prizes for their outfits. Well done to Cameron who won the Musical Chairs and thank you to Raksha for providing the food. Everyone also enjoyed the chocolate game! See website for photos. www.pgscouts.org.uk

This term we have some new boys starting. We hope they will enjoy being part of PG. Tarka has been frantically organising the swimming team for 31st January. Please come along on Saturday afternoon and support the team. We have an excellent track record for this event. We will be spending this term working on our scouting skills in preparation for the Flag Competition held on 1st March.

HELP – We need a Cub parent to contact other cub parents (telephone numbers provided) to ask for help at PG Jumble Sales. Mrs Wheeler is happy to coordinate the Jumble Sale but needs a parent helper from each section to telephone and ask for helpers from Cubs. **PLEASE, please** do come forward and do your bit. Many thanks.



Rikki (Lesley Curley)

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SCOUT NEWS

2009's Pantomime - "Jack & Beanstalk"

The main cast members in this year's production are: James Ashe, William Boothman, William Brennan, Matthew Brienza, Jordan Day-Hunt, Charlie Fidler, Tom Flower, Hal Forman, Max Forman, Brice Fanning, Leo Giles, Jack Harris-Holborn, Kieran Patel, Jamie Sellers, Niven Willett and Harry Wheeler, who all have been given parts in this years Scouts Pantomime.

They have been rehearsing twice a week, since beginning of January. We hope that those Scouts who are not in, or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 27th or Saturday 28th March.

Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will have received the annual (2009) Medical & Personal Detail Forms.

Please return these forms to Simon as soon as possible

New Scouts

Hal Forman, Connor Armstrong and Ryan Bückerton have completed their Moving up Awards and took part in a *Moving Up Ceremony* on Wednesday 28th January, where they made their Scout Promise and were invested as members of PG. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop.



Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 31st January 2009 at 5.40pm. This year team is Alan Tarleton, Henry Bennett, Harry Wheeler, Richard Hurst, Matthew Brienza, Jordan Day-Hunt, Lochan Nowacki, Leo Giles and James Ashe.

Any Scouts at a lose end, please come along and support our team

Troop Weekend Camp

This year's Troop camp will be over the weekend 1st – 3rd May 2009, Scouts will receive a letter mid February, a copy is on Web Site. We are looking for help with Transportation of equipment offers to Simon please.

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp.

Training Weekends

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

- Year 6 6th – 7th March
- Year 7 & 8 27th -28th February

Please, contact can Scouts return the green or yellow forms as soon as possible



LAN Event

At the PLs & Yls Training weekend, it was decided to hold a Lan event at Scout hall during half term. Monday 16th Febuary – Tuesday 17th February. If any Scout would like more details, please contact YL Alex Robins for more details

2009 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Monmouth. Can we remind those who have **not given** our treasurer post dated cheques, the **fifth payment £25 is due by 25th February**, to PG treasurer **Sue Giles**. Please try and pay by that date to save us sending you a reminder

Cub Incident Hike

The Scouts are running the Cub meeting during half term. We are going to hold an incident hike in the loocal woods and are looking for Scouts to help run the basis

Date: Wednesday 19th February, 5.45pm – 8.10pm

Any Scout who is able to help, please let Cub YL Laurance Corbitt know.

SPLs Meal

The Troop leaders would like to Thank Nic Jones and the PL for inviting them to a Thank You meal.

We all had a ver enjoyable and tasty meal. Also thank you to Pauline & Andrew Jones for allowing the PL lose in their kitchen.



Simon Wheeler

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