



GROUP NEWS

January 2009

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 2009
Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your son(s).



2009 is a very important year for PG

PG Scouts will be celebrating their 100th Birthday



Two photos from our archives of Scouts outside our Scout Hall (or as it was in 1909 a Chapel) in 1909



There is a copy / photos of a Christmas card we sent our founder Baden-Powell in 1909 on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£1,100**. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green, the rest goes towards the running cost of the Scout Hall. A big thank you goes to *Jane Courtier* for organising the fair, Tracey Brienza for organising the raffle, all the parents, friends, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who helped at the fair or came along to support us.

Christmas Parcels

Some of the money raised at our Christmas Fair is used to purchase parcels for the local elderly. The parcels were delivered by the Cubs before Christmas. The Cubs went carol singing and delivered the parcels. Thank you goes to Jane Courtier for purchasing the contents of the parcels and to Akela and the Cubs for delivering the parcels and organising the Carol singing.

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 and raised over £2,300



We are Looking For:

We are looking for the following Items,

- Calor Gas Cyclinders (Red or Blue) Do you have any you no longer require
- Borrow **bottled gas Space heater** for Scouts Party on Friday 6th February
- Print some Photos to A3 Size

If you can help with any of the above please either email simon at: help@pgtips.org.uk or tel (01628) 623910

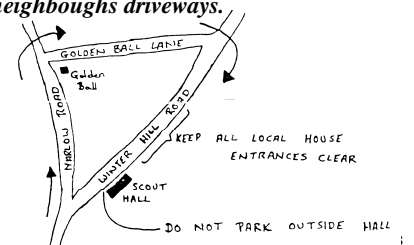
ONE-WAY SYSTEM

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



2009 Panto – Jack & Beanstalk

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Jack & Beanstalk, it will be on Friday 27th March & Saturday 28th March 2009. 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 end January / beggining February - up to you) sort out the Jack & Beanstalk 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

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

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

Transporting Boxes to Hall

- We need to move 25 plastic boxes containing the costumes from Camley gardens to Scout Hall also we need to move the back cloths from Cordwallis Estate to the Scout Hall. These are 6ft – 8ft long (Sheet roled around a piece of wood)

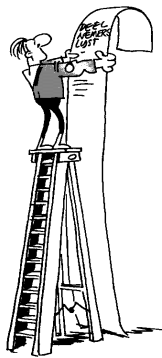
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Christingle Service

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: *Teresa Kennard* for taking the service. Also to parents & YLs who made the Christingles and 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

Simon organised the annual PG New Year's Morning Walk which took place on Thursday 1st January 2009. Over 45 youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green. This years route was through Pinkneys Farm, Hindhay Farm then around the brick kiln nature reserve then via Golden Ball lane to Lee Farm before 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



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 £100 in 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**

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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

BEAVERS - Happy New year everyone, December was a fun packed month with the Beavers making an Advent Calendar, making a boat with a propeller and learning the 12 days of Christmas Carrol and performing it to the Parents.

The month ended with a fantastic trip to the Maidenhead pantomime.

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We had our very own craft competition where the beavers could enter drawings, collages, paintings and models on the topic of Space to win a brilliant prize donated very kindly by one of the parents a Leapfrog games console . The entries were all excellent but there could only be one winner, the winner of the craft competition was *Oliver Istead* with a model a very realistic model of a Space Shuttle. Runners up were *Edward Bennett* with a model of a space man with a very clever helmet and *Max Stone* with a collage of Earth from Space lovely bright colours used in the picture.

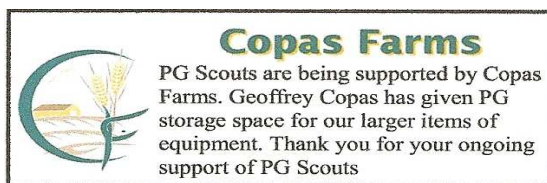
We are starting back on Monday **12 January 2009**

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CUB NEWS

No Report

The first Cub meeting will be On **Wednesday 14th January**, when Cubs are holding a New Year Party, with the theme **Movie characters**



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SCOUT NEWS

Scouts One Hundreth Birthday Party

The PLs with help from the Troop Leaders are planning to hold a Special Birthday Party on Friday 6th February 2009 to celebrate the **100th Birthday of PG Scouts**. The party is going to be held on the actual Birthday. The oldest record we have of PG Scouts is Saturday 6th February 1909. We want to hold the event at the Scout Hall, photos on page 1 of this months *PG Tips* show the Scouts outside the hall (It was a Chapel then) in 1909. If we get permission, we will be putting a marquee up on the green, to play games in and do activities, plus use the hall to hold the actual party and have 1909 food.



We are looking for the following help:

Food – what sort of food did youngsters have at parties in 1909

Games – what games did youngsters play in 1909

Help required on Friday 6th February during the day to set up the activities on the green.

We are also looking for a Space heater(s) to heat the marquee and to borrow some Red bottled gas cyclinders

The Scouts will have the opportunity to camp over after the party on the green, and carry on with the games / activities on Saturday morning before helping to take down all the activities and canvas

Offers and ideas to Simon please either email help@pgtips.org.uk or call Mhd 623910

More information about the event will be coming out in the next few weeks

Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 31st January 2009 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 620655.

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 as been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.**

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

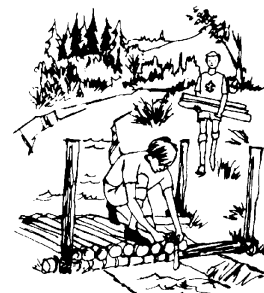
We will require help from parents with transport.

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

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.



Pantomime – Jack & Beanstalk

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 15th and Sunday 18th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this years Pantomime. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

The dates of the performances will be **Friday 27th March**, 7.00pm + **Saturday 28th March**, 3.00pm & 7.00pm.

Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

2009 Summer Camp -

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

Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2009) 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 goes to **Nick Green** for carrying the Troop flag, and to **Alex Robins, Kieran Patel, Richard Hurst, Miles Hewitt-Jones, Alex Franklin, Max Forman & James Corbitt** who did the readings, **Sam Jons & Laurence Corbitt** for doing the collection, plus all the Scouts who made the effort to attend this special service. The church was full. The Christingles looked very good when the **candles** were lit and the lights were dimmed.

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 Chicken in Red Wine Sauce, then Yule log, and mince pie with cream for desert.

During the evening Ray Tucker presented 30 year Service awards to Raksha (Sheila Stinton) & Chil (Avril Broadley) and 5 year Service award to Jacala (Jon Corbitt). A big thank you goes to **BoB Weingarth, Chris Parker & Rob Ayre** for preparing the meal and SPL **Nic Jones** for organising the event, with the PLs



Troop New Years Party

The first Friday in 2009 the 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.

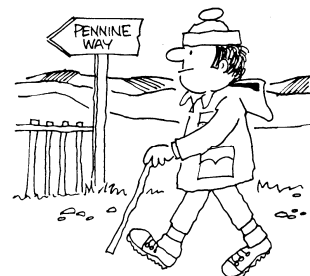
Thanks go to all the Scouts and their parents who supplied food & drink. They had an interesting evening where they played party games, including blindfold musical chairs

Trip to See Peter Pan

45 Scouts are going to the *Theatre Royal Windsor* to see **Peter Pan**. A big thank you goes to the Leaders and Parents; Mrs Mussett, Mrs Flynn, Mrs Fyffe, Mr/Mrs Brennan, Mr Rutherford, Mr Robinson who are helping transport the Scouts (we managed to transport every one in full cars – it saved each parent taking their own son), plus parents Mrs Giles, Mrs Patel, Mrs Climpson, Ms Williams & Mr Hurst who volunteered to help with transportation, but we did not have to us. Special thank you to BoB for organising the event.

www.pgscouts.org.uk

There are over 200 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 2009, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, will be at the beginning of May

Date: 1st to 3rd May 2009 (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.

Simon Wheeler

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**Pinkneys Green Scouts
2009 Outline Programme**



January 2009 PG Tips

1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am
2 January	Scouts	- Troop New Year Party
4 January	Scout	- PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
9 January	Scouts	- Trip Theatre Royal Windsor Peter Pan
9 January	Cub	- New Year Party 'Movie Characters'
15 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime JACK & BEANSTALK
16 January	Scout	- District Scout Disco
31 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
6 February	Scout	- PG 100 Birthday Party - Celebrate PG Scouts 100th Birthday
14-15 Feb	Group	- Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
18 February	Cub	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts PL's & APL's)
21 February	Scout	- County Cooking Competition
21-22 Feb	Group	- Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
21-22 Feb	Scout	- LAN Weekend
27-28 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 7 & 8)
28 February	Beaver	- District Beaverree
1 March	Cub	- Cub Flag Competition
2 March	Beaver	- " We Entertain " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
6-7 March	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6)
14 March	Cub	- District Six A Side Football Competition
14 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
20 March	Scout	- Trip Windsor Swimming Pool (Scouts not in Panto)
27-28 March	Group	- Scouts Pantomime JACK & BEANSTALK
29 March	Group	- Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required
5 April	Scout	- District Football Competition
26 April	Group	- District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
1-3 May	Scout	- Troop Camp - ALL Scouts to Attend
2 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
9 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
16 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
27 May	Cub	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
5-7 June	Group	- PG 100 Group Camp (Families can camp as well)
19 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
21 June	Group	- Summer "Fair On The Green"
27 June	Cubs	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
28 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Scouts
6 July	Beaver	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
12 July	Group	- PG 100 Fun Day
22 Jul - 4 Aug	Scout	- Summer Camp – Monmouth - All Scouts
[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]		
4-6 Sept	Cub	- Cub Camp - ALL Cubs to attend (Provisional Date)
11 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
12 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
19-20 Sept	Scout	- LAN Weekend
26 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
27 September	Group	- Harvest Festival at Stubbings Church (Provisional Date)
3 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
4 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event
17-18 October	Group	- JOTA & JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)
28 October	Cub	- Halloween Party (Run by the Scouts)
8 November	Group	- Remembrance Sunday Parade - ALL Beavers Cubs & Scouts
14 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
20-21 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
27-28 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
4 December	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming) All Scouts
6 December	Group	- Christmas Fair On a Sunday
7 December	Beaver	- Christmas Party (Run by the Scouts)
9 December	Cub	- Trip to Maidenhead pantomime - <i>Cinderella</i>
13 December	Group	- Carol (Christingle) Service at Stubbings Church
18 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
19-20 Dec	Scout	- LAN Weekend
30 December	Scout	- Scouts New Year Party (On A Wednesday)