



GROUP NEWS

July 2009

Family Fun Day

Reminder - We are holding a family fun day on the Green opposite the Scout Hall

Date: **Sunday 12th July 2009, 12.30noon – 4.00pm**

After a very successful event last year we have decided to hold it again, All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders and their families are invited to attend. There will be various games, including the rounder's, volleyball, Swing ball etc, as well as Baloo organising a special game for the youngsters in the woods.

There will be a Bar-b-que as well as refreshments, Inc a Bar

We hope that friends and families of PG members will be able to attend



Thank You for a Successful Day at the Fair

Our Group fair on the Green, was very successful thanks to the many parents and friends of the group who turned out to help. We all produced an excellent afternoon of entertainment not only for our group members but also for lots of local residents. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

Special thanks goes to Jane Courtier for organising the fair, on her own. As we go to press we think we have raised over £3,000, which is just up on last year. This will go towards the cost of our new canvas.

A massive thank you to all the people who made our fair a great success.

Thank you especially to **Keith Wheeler and Phillip Kersey** and their sons who slept in the marquees overnight on Saturday, to **Phill Bristow** who set up the power and lent equipment for the fair, **Maxine Cracknell** who organised the books for the book stall, **Maureen Hoggarth** who organised the Dog Show and **Rob Harris** for his inimitable commentary.

Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets, did jobs beforehand, helped with marquees on Saturday (one of the most efficient set ups we have had), set up on Sunday and ran stalls throughout the afternoon and **cleared away at the end**. This includes parents, many scouts and your leaders who are all very supportive of the fund raising and of course the Executive committee who were involved for the whole weekend.

Jane Courtier

Pinkneys Green Scouts

MARQUEE FOR HIRE

Large Marquees 20ft x 40ft
or White Tent 14ft x 24ft

For more detail and prices (Includes Pitching/Insurance)

Call: David Cox 01494 528751 or 07768 164314
Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 300501

OLD PHOTOS OF PG ACTIVITIES

Have you been a PAST Member of PG. We are looking for Old photos of when you or your son was at PG. We are short of photos before 2000, especially before 1979, if you have any photos we would love to hear from you

Please email: oldphotos@pgscouts.org.uk

OLD Mobile Phones

Do you have an old Mobile phone you no longer require?

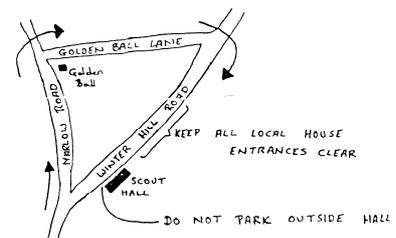
The Scouts are looking for Old phones. They will put a pay as you go SIM card in it and the scouts can then use them on hikes etc. If they get damaged, lost or dropped in a river, we don't have to worry.

Please let Simon have your old phone. **Email:** simon@pgtips.org.uk, call Mhd 623910 or send them to the hall, with charger if possible

Bringing to and collecting from the Scout Hall - ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road past Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall.
- As the verges can get very muddy 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.



These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting our Hall



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online. **PG is part of an online shopping scheme.** [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)



Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. 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](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts), but we gain!!.

Please put www.buy.at/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

Every quarter we get a commission cheque dependant on the amount YOU spend. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **We have raised over £999 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.**

So [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts) "The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!"



A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us So [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts)



PG 100 - Group (Family) Camp

A Big Thank you goes to everyone who attended our Group Camp at Stubbings

We had an enjoyable weekend, despite the wet weather. With 100+ Cubs Scouts, Leaders and Helpers camping in PG Contingent, plus over 40 family Units, which made up over 150 campers, including 14 Beavers and their families, (Over 250 camping) We also had approx 100 visitors over the weekend which was made up of PG families and friends.



There was a busy Programme, a large selection of photoes on web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk

On the Saturday Night a BBQ was held, which was attended by over 330 people. During BBQ we held our AGM, where the District Commissioner **Nigel Bevan** presented our ACSL **Avril Broadley**, with her 40 year Service Award, ASL **John Bannerman** with his 15 year Service award, **CA Mathew Milston** and ASL **Rob Stroud** with their 5 year Service Awards. This was followed by **PG Got Talent** competition, where several youngsters played musical instuments, some did sketched and we had a very good boxing ! item. We finished the evening with a camp fire Drinking Chocolate and bed. On the Sunday we held a Scouts Own, thank you goes to Roy Taylor for leading this. Can we thank all the leaders and young

leaders for their hard work, before and durring & after the camp

We are planning to hold another Group Family Camp in three years

* * * *

BEAVER NEWS

Well, we have been making the most of the outdoors while the nice weather has been available!! We have accomplished our hike to Stubbings Church where we meet the new vicar **Keith** who was a great hit with the beavers. He held their attention beautifully and showed us old and new features about the church. We then gathered outside for a drink and biscuit, crucial refuelling. We have been building camps in the woods and playing with our famous parachute on the green. Our Bug Hunt was a great success and the boys loved getting their hands dirty that week, we found so many different types of insect you would not believe!

We invested our new beavers the week before last, so we can now officially welcome **Oscar Lowe, Luke Kersey, Ben Copeman** and **Ben Almond** and their families to Pinkneys Green Scout Group. We hope your stay with us is a happy one.

Congratulations goes to the following fourteen Beavers, *Oliver Isted, Harvey Neeves, Olly Hickey, Nicholas Conacher, Luke Kersey, Edward Bennett, Lucas Jefferson, Jake Noyce, Matthew Miller, Harry Allcock, Logan Bunce, Joseph Ruffell, Cameron Cassels* and *Thomas Knott*, who have gained their first Nights Away Badge, as they camped with their families at PG's Group Camp

Lastly I had an email from *Mrs Conacher* the other day suggesting the possible idea of a trip for the Beavers to an art gallery where she is exhibiting. She has shown a couple of groups of children around and it has been very successful so wondered if the Beavers would be interested. I loved the idea and we will hopefully firm up a date shortly. If anyone else has any ideas for visits or perhaps you have a talent or hobby that you would like to run as an activity at one of our meetings then please feel free to discuss it with me. I will always very much welcome your suggestions at Beavers.

Keo (Sheridan Stone)

* * * *

CUB NEWS

100 Years of Pinkneys Green Scouts Camp

Reports by three Cubs who attended:

I think that camp was really fun. This is because there was excellent food and there was lots of time for fun and games. I especially liked the activities that we did. I really liked making the leaf hats. **Louix Franklin**

I enjoyed camp because we got to go to bed at 10.15pm and lots of activities e.g. Archery, 'PGs got Talent' and catapulting tennis balls out of bamboo sticks, so I really want to do it again. This was special because it was 100 years of Pinkneys Green! People came as far away as Canada. **Jack Hathaway**

I think that camp was really fun because we did activities such as archery, fire the tennis ball the furthest, orienteering etc. And we did 'PG's Got Talent' and had BBQ. Also we had a bonfire and sang songs. The food is great and we get hot chocolate at night. But there was huge thunder in the morning so you don't get much sleep (and it always rains at night). The really good thing was that your family could come, this happens every 100 years! **Alex Hodgetts**

I think you'll agree that these three Cubs had a fantastic time and they were randomly picked to write a little piece!

A big thank you to all Leaders, Young Leaders, Parents, Cubs, Beavers, Families (dogs) who helped make the Camp such a successful, fun weekend. It was certainly a great way to celebrate 100 years of Pinkneys Green Scouts!

Jacala has already started on the planning for Cub Camp in September, we hope all our cubs can make it!

Harry Climpson, Jake Milston, Alex Norris and Zac Gordon-Smith have now been invested as Cubs, so we hope they will enjoy their time with us. They all came on camp, so well done!

We are doing tent pitching, trails, fire lighting and cooking, nature badge and environment bases this term. The Cubs are divided into groups and will have a turn at each activity.

Alan Tarleton has now been invested as a District Explorer and has opted to join the Young Leader section and will be a permanent fixture in our pack Young Leader team We hope he will enjoy his time with Cubs. *Niven Willett* has also started as a Young Leader and we hope he will join *Alan* and *Laurence* permanently at the end of term.

By the time you read this the Fair will probably have happened. Hope you gave some of your time and lots of your money. Thanks in anticipation!

Dates for your diary:

27 June Longridge Day (Older Cubs by invite only)

12 July Family Fun Day on the Green – all invited

Rikki (Lesley Curley)



* * * *

SCOUT NEWS

2009 Summer Camp - Monmouth



This is the most important activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We have booked various activities for the Scouts attending, including Climbing, Caving, and Kayaking We are taking over 50 Scouts & leaders from 22nd July to 4th August 2009

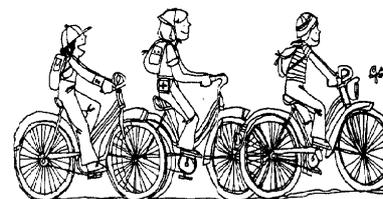
Can Parents please return permission to camp / medical form to Simon by **1st July** – so he can get it photo copied

Special thanks go to Alan Hoskins who has offered to drive the lorry to /from camp

Cycling

Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following?

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs Cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet.**
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 6th July. We will be getting Beavers to pitch patrol tents. We are looking for Scouts to help run the evening. Young Leader Nic Jones, is co-ordinating the Scouts, if you are able to help, please let Nic know Don't leave it to others – We need your help - SCOUTS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

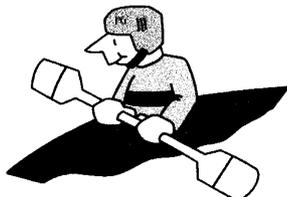
As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some special trips and activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.10pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Please check your **Thursday** emails each week to see if there are any special instructions.

Water Activities at Longridge

Finn Baxter, Henry Bennett, William Boothman, William Brennan, Aaron Burton, Tom Climpson, Joel Cox, Charlie Fidler, Jordan Flynn, Hal Forman, Max Forman, William Fyffe, Leo Giles, Nick Hemsley, Edward Kersey, Alex Mussett, Kieran Patel, Myles Rankin, Jamie Sellers and Harry Wheeler plus leaders: John Boothman, Rob Ayre, Alex & Nic Jones & Simon took part in the District Water activities at Longridge, joining Scouts / leaders from all over Maidenhead. The Scouts took part in nine different activities including Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, Gig pulling, raft building & dragon boating

Thank you goes to all the leaders & helpers who gave up their time to help run the weekend.



Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Trousers or Blue Scout Association Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. PG Tee Shirts and Scarves are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

Those Scouts going on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts



Summer Fair

Thank you goes to all the Scouts and parents who supplied items for the Tombola; we nearly had 500 items, and took over £490 on the Tombola.

Also thanks goes to all the Scouts who helped set the fair up, helped on the day either on the tombola or the other side shows and those helped packed up

Simon Wheeler

* * * *

We are looking for Free, the Following items:

A4 plain or Coloured paper
HP4 laser printer toner
Ref: 92298A
Large Elastic Bands (Like postman use)
PG Web Site <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/>

Empty Ice Cream Containers
Used postage Stamps
Pens / Pencils

Small jobs welcome

No call-out charge

Call the plumber!

Local, qualified plumber offering a prompt, reliable and friendly service.
Call Keith
07504 439230 / 01628 676021
Leaks • Dripping Taps • WC's & Cisterns • Radiators & Valves • Bathrooms

Specialist Brickworks General Building & Home Maintenance

Andy Jones

67, Alwyn Road
Maidenhead
SL6 5EJ
01628 783401
07765 972911
andy@specialistbrickworks.co.uk
www.specialistbrickworks.co.uk