



GROUP NEWS

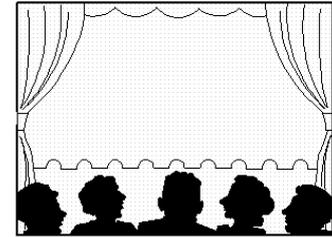
March 2009

2009 PG's PANTOMIME – Jack and The Bean Stalk

The Scouts, Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this years Pantomime *Jack & the Bean Stalk*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil* and *Simon*. A big thank you goes to all the Leaders, parents and friends who have supported us so far with this year's production

Thank you

Thank you goes *Clive Hunt, John Boothman, Rob Ayre, Graham Jons* and *Debbie Brenham* who have helped build this years stage, for the Pantomime.



Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 29th March 10.30am**. We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

TICKETS ON SALE

We have tickets available for **Saturday 28th March 3pm and 7pm** performances available at £3.50 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or *Simon* 9, Powney Road.

Marquee Co-ordinator REQUIRED

We have the opportunity to raise significant funds each year from the hire of our marquees and large frame tents, **BUT we need a volunteer** to take the bookings and organise the pitching team. The "season" runs from Easter until the end of September due to the weather and drying the canvas on site.

Anyone interested please ring or email Erica GSL, for more information. Erica.hunter2@btinternet.com or 01628 623154 or 07899 075203

WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO HIRE ANY MARQUEES THIS YEAR UNTIL WE GET A VOLUNTEER.

Thank you.

SCOUT SHOP

Maidenhead District is currently looking for a NEW scout shop manager as the present managers are due to retire at the end of March this year. This is a voluntary role. There are negotiations at present to find a new permanent location to make this role easier and this may mean a change of opening day/hours. The Guide Association also uses the same venue. Every group in the district, which patronises the scout shop benefits financially from a rebate each year.

Do YOU know anyone who may be interested in managing the scout shop this could be someone recently retired, if you do please contact Erica GSL.

100th Birthday Party

Pinkneys Green Scouts held a special Birthday Party on Friday 6th February 2009, in their Scout Hall. The Scouts wanted to hold the Birthday Party on the actual Birthday, at the place where it started in 1909. The Birthday Party had to be changed at the last minute, due to adverse weather conditions. The original plans had included pitching two marquees on the green opposite the hall for all members of the group to play games and take part in various activities and in the hall there was going to be a formal high tea. On



the Thursday afternoon it was decided due to the snow and the green being covered in slush the event would be squeezed into the Scout Hall. The youngsters would take part in games in the hall and the tea party, instead of a formal **1909 High Tea**, ended up with everyone trying to find some where to sit on the floor and eat the sandwiches (without crusts), cakes etc. where they could. We managed to get over 100 members to take part. A big thank you goes to the parents, Scouts and leaders who helped set up the event, provide food, home made cakes and everything else. Also to all the adults (over 80) we were expecting to attend, and we had to say sorry we can't fit you in.

There is a Group Photo on our web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk, plus a copy on post card with this months PG Tips. Reminder those Adults we could not fit in, you are invited to attend our **PG 100 Fun Day** on Sunday 12th July instead.

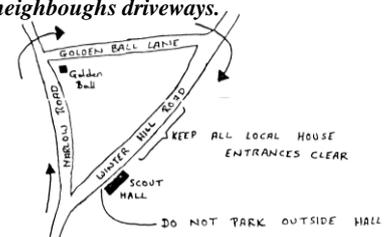
ONE-WAY SYSTEM

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 neighbours 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 in the mud, as they make their way to the hall



Obituary



Beryl Tomlin

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Beryl Tomlin, widow of Alan Tomlin, long time Group Scout Leader and President of Pinkneys Green.

She gave unstinted support to the Group alongside her husband for many years.

We send our condolences to their daughters, Wendy, Hazel and Heather and their families.

Jumble Sale Beaver & Cub Parent Coordinators

We are looking for a Beaver and Cub parent (We have a Scout Parent volunteer) to assist our Jumble Sale coordinator Caron Wheeler with finding some Beaver and Cub Parents to help at our Jumble Sales in May. The job involves either going to end of Beaver / Cub meeting (or phoning), asking parents to spare a couple of hours helping set up on the Friday evening or helping at the actual Jumble Sale on the Saturday. If you would like more details please either call Caron on Mhd 676021 or your Beaver / Cub leader.

Our Jumble Sales are on Saturday 2nd May 10.30am and Saturday 16th May 10.30am

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, we have just received a cheque for £85

CENSUS – PG Members

Every year the Scout association hold a census of all Scout Groups, PG is a member of Maidenhead Scout District, which is part of the Royal County of Berkshire. On the 31st January we had 26 Beavers, 38 Cubs, 56 Scouts, 14 uniformed leaders and 13 Sectional assistants, this is an increase of 8% on last year. Maidenhead District has 1,020 members – Scouting is still strong in Maidenhead.

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BEAVER NEWS

We have had another very busy term with the Beavers, with several experiments. The beavers investigated forces, by attaching a balloon to a straw and then running string through the straw. When the balloon was blown up and let go, the straw shot across the hall! The latest activity the beavers were doing, on the week before half term, was making egg faces. They did this by cutting the tops off of egg shells and then decorating the shells, they are then going to grow water cress in them as hair.

We have also been very busy saying a sad good bye to the Beavers Swimming Up to Cubs and welcoming in the new Beavers. This term has seen us lose *George Rendle, Joshua Wallace, George Knott, Luke Jons and Julian Sadie*. We hope they have a fantastic time at Cubs. We also need to say welcome to the families of the new Beavers, *Cameron Cassels, Logan Bruce, Thomas Knott, Oliver Hickey and Miles Boxell*.

Beavers are also lucky enough to have a new Young Leader, *Nic Jones*, who has agreed to become a PG Beaver young Leader and come along and help on Monday's. The Beavers are going to choose a Beaver name for him after half term.

After completing her initial training, *Jen Neyman*, made her Scout Promise and was invested as a assistant Beaver Scout Leader



HELP – We need a Beaver parent to contact other Beaver parents to ask for help at our Jumble Sales. **PLEASE, please** do come forward and do your bit.

We will Entertain – The Scouts are going to run a special Beaver meeting on Monday 9th March, they are going to run the meeting using the stage that has been put up for the Scouts pantomime. Beavers will be asked to bring along a musical instrument to play, do some jokes or tricks, as well as take part in some singing

We hope that all Beavers and their families will come along and see this years Scouts Pantomime, its well worth a family outing. There are three performances Friday 27th March 7pm, plus Saturday 28th March at 3pm and 7pm.

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CUB NEWS

This term we are brushing up on our scouting skills in preparation for the Flag Competition in March. We like to involve all the Cubs in learning essential scouting knowledge, such as map signs, royal family, knots, first aid, which are all part of the competition. We enter a team of 6 Cubs, 2 x 8 year olds, 2 x 9 year olds and 2 x 10 year olds. They all take part at each base but it is made more challenging for the older groups. The Pack with the most points wins the honour of carrying the District Flag for a year. It's a fun day with obstacle course and outside challenges as well. We wish the team all the best and hope they will do their best.

In case you had not heard, we did win the District Swimming Gala cup at the Magnet Leisure Centre. Well done to the Cubs who took part – it was a team effort. Thank you to Tarka for organising the team.

We welcome new boys to the pack *Dan Franklin, Oliver Hooper, Luke O'Kelly, George Rendle, Joshua Wallace, George Knott, Luke Jons* and *Julian Sadie* and hope they will enjoy their time with PG.

We also saw the Moving On ceremony for *Connor Armstrong, Hal Foreman* and *Ryan Bickerton*. They had outgrown Cubs and were ready for Scouts, but is Simon ready for them! We hope they will continue with their Scouting.

We were invited to join the Scouts on Friday 6th February to take part in their 100 years celebration of Scouts at Pinkneys Green. Well, what an evening! There were Beavers, Cubs and Scouts everywhere. They played some great games, had a wonderful tea party and a group photo was taken. (See PG website www.pgscouts.org.uk) Thank you to the Scouts for the invitation, thank you to Simon and his team who organised it and a big thank you to the parents who brought in the most fantastic food, particularly the iced cakes in yellow and green, or PG logo or BOTH! It was a trying week with the snow and things had to be re-organised at short notice. Thank you everyone.

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.

Everyone is working hard towards the Scouts Pantomime Jack and The Bean Stalk, **so we hope you will all book the date and get your tickets** Friday 27th March, 7pm & Saturday 28th March 3pm & 7pm. The leaders hope to be doing a special number this year. Any Cub who would like to join the Cubs Chorus we still have a couple of places – contact Raksha Mhd 628160

Rikki (Lesley Curley)





Copas Farms

PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

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SCOUT NEWS

PG as winners of the District Cooking competition represented Maidenhead at the County Cooking Competition, which was held in Slough. There were twelve teams from all over Berkshire, in the competition. It was a hard thought competition. Congratulations go to *Ben Cox, James Ashe, Kieran Patel* and *Joel Cox* on Winning the event. They will be representing Berkshire / Maidenhead / PG at the **Regional Cooking Competition** on Sunday 8th March at Shurdington, near Cheltenham.

Congratulations go to Scouts: *Alan Tarleton, Harry Wheeler, Richard Hurst, Jordan Day-Hunt, Lochan Nowacki, Leo Giles, Henry Bennett, Matthew Brienza* and *James Ashe* on being joint Winners of the Myers Shield with Cookham Scouts, for being Troop Champions. Special congratulations go to Alan Tarleton for winning the Scout Individual Award. Also thank you goes to Robin & Graham Wolfe for looking after Scout Team, Keith Wheeler for being Chief time keeper and Steve Giles for being a time keeper, plus to every one who came along and supported the PG Team. There are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

The Scouts ran the Cub meeting during half term. A big thank you goes to the fourteen members of the Troop who ran bases on the Green and in the woods for the Cubs. The bases included Morse Code, Stretcher making Obstacle Course, and a blind trail in the woods, there are some photos on our Web Site.

Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers "We will Entertain" They will be using the stage. Help is required from any Scout who plays a musical Instrument or has any ideas what the Beavers can do using the Stage. Offers of help to Simon. Date: Monday 12th March 2009

Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Course is 2 miles

We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 14th March 10.25am at the Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals



Jack and the Beanstalk

We hope that all those scouts who are not in this year's production, will get a ticket and come and see the other Scouts in this year's production. Tickets are available for Friday 27th March, 7pm & Saturday 28th March 3pm & 7pm at £3.50 each.

Well done to the 18 Scouts who are in this year's production, they have been rehearsing twice a week since January

Swimming – Windsor Leisure Pool

The Scouts who are not in this year's pantomime, Swimming to Windsor Leisure Pool as the Scouts and leaders who are in this year's production will be holding an extra rehearsal at the Scout Hall. Chris Parker will be organising this activity.

Date: Friday 20th March 2009, 7pm – 9pm



District Bowling Event

Any Scout who would like to take part in the District Bowling event on Tuesday 25th March at Maidenhead Bowling, please let BoB Know

District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Five A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let BoB know

Date: Sunday 5th April, at Altwood School



Troop Weekend Camp

Please make the effort to reply by Sunday 15th March. This year's Troop Camp, will be in a field we have not yet used in the Holyport area

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

MINI Buses

We are looking to hire at least three mini buses for this years Summer Camp. If you know where we can hire a mini buses from for a reasonable price, or does your school have one we can hire, please let Simon have the details Emails: help@pgtips.org.uk



Summer Camp

Reminder March's Payment was due on 20th March

If you have not paid it yet, please do as soon as possible. Can you Please give it to PG Treasurer directly (due to being very busy Scouting) Sue Giles. Simon is hoping to be going to Monmouth in the next few weeks to sort out some more activities, plus make sure the site is still ok. *If you have any questions about camp don't hesitate to contact me*

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 another leader

We might require help from parents with transport.

St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Sunday 26th April 2009, 2.10pm at Maidenhead Town Hall Car Park

We hope that all Scouts will make the effort to attend

Simon Wheeler

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