



GROUP NEWS

May 2009

PG 100 - Group (Family) Camp

We are having a Join in Camp at Stubbings, over the weekend of 5th – 7th June 2009.

We hope to get as many PG Beavers, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, parents including brothers and sisters and friends of the group together, camping for as much of the weekend as possible. (Cubs & Scouts can attend even if parents can't)

You are invited to bring your tents or caravan and come and join us for an action packed weekend. Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders will be camping in their sections and catered for by the Leaders. **Families and friends are invited to camp in Family units and will be doing their own catering.**

There is a BBQ Saturday evening for all to join in with, tickets will be sold separately. **We hope Ex. members of PG will come and join us at the BBQ.** During the BBQ we will be holding *PG Got Talent* - BBQ & PGs Got Talent Forms available on Web at: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pg100/

If you do not wish to camp, **YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO COME AND VISIT US AT ANY TIME** during the weekend.

Here is a guide to the programme although it has not yet been finalised.

Friday 5th	Evening	Cubs, Scouts, YL's Parents/friends set up their tents.
Saturday 6th	AM	Badge activities, backwoods cooking, gadgets, Plaster casts, mapping etc.
	PM	Camp Games and sports for all the family to join in.
Sunday 7th	AM	Group Scouts Own, Incident Activities
	PM	Break Camp
	3.30pm	Closing Ceremony



Families Camp Fee £20.00 per family unit excluding BBQ tickets. **BBQ Tickets Adults £6.50** includes sweet and glass of wine. **Child £4.50** includes sweet and soft drink. (Cubs, Scouts, YL BBQ tickets included in camp fee). **Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders £25.00** for the weekend. Please return forms to Erica Hunter - 27, St Marks Crescent.

Beaver / Cub / Scout Forms / Letters are available on PG Web Site or email gc@pgscouts.org.uk

Jumble Sale



A big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters of PG who helped at our last Jumble Sale. We broke all records and raised over £388. We have the second Jumble Sale on Saturday 16th May. We require help from parents, to sort the Jumble after Scouts, on Friday 15th May. We also require help from the Saturday morning 16th May 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

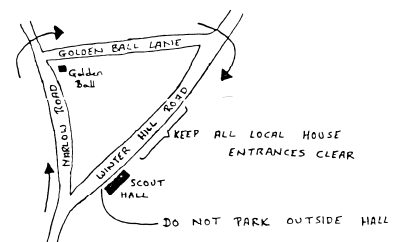
For more information, please contact our Jumble Sale Coordinator **Caron Wheeler** Mhd 676021

Thanks to all the collectors and the suppliers, the sellers and the buyers, those who helped me out and Alex Franklin - my car parking Scout. The coordinators for calling, the drivers for hauling the leftovers to the dump. See you all next week, the old and the new Collectively called the Jumble Sale Crew. **Caron Wheeler**

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

Parents Help with Marquee Hires

Thank you goes to David Cox for offering to coordinate the hire of our Marquees and Mess Tents. Plus the 23 parents who have volunteered to go on the Parent Marquee list.

To spread the work load we are looking for help from parents, two / three times during the hire season, if available.

When we have a booking we will need help from parents to put up the tents / plus take them down. We also are looking for help from parents to tow the Scout Trailer to / from the hire venue, plus to put up marquees. If you are on the list, you will be asked a couple of weeks before the hire if you are able to help. We need 8 parents per hire to help put up the marquee, which normally takes under an hour. We will only be asking you to help a couple of times during the hire season. You will be asked a few weeks before the hire with pitching we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - **If you would like to help and join this Team**, please email us help@pgtips.org.uk



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)

Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

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Summer Fair Sunday 21st June

We hope you are all keeping this day free in your diaries so you and your family can come and enjoy the afternoon with us.


Shortly we will be sending home a list of opportunities for helping on the day or for doing some of the preparation. Please volunteer your help as soon as possible. If you have a special interest then book you're place early e.g. helping at the bar, on the games stalls or at the refreshments. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. **Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk**

As usual we need some special people to sleep over in the marquees on the Saturday night just to keep an eye on the site. If anyone thinks they could do this could they ring Jane Courtier on 628372.

FAIR ON THE GREEN - Date is Sunday 21st June 2009

St George's Day Event

We would like to thank all the **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders** from PG who attended this years District St Georges Day on Sunday 26th April. It was a special event to celebrate Scouting's and England's patrol Saint, St George. The District Cub Section organised the event. And some PG Cubs took part. Special thank you goes to all the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts who carried the flags,.



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

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online at www.buy.at/pgscouts and raise money at no extra cost for PG.

Over 100 retailers are accessible through the web shop, including SKY, BT, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and RAC. Many retailers provide exclusive offers to the web shop, such as discounts or offering free delivery to the customer, providing more reasons for supporters to buy products through the web shop.

"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!" Here's the address again, www.buy.at/pgscouts. **And don't forget to tell your friends**

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us



PG AGM

We will be holding our AGM, **7pm on Saturday 6th June**, at our Group Camp, at Stubbings

Any parent who would like to go on the Group Executive Committee, please talk to your Sons leader

We are looking For:

A replacement **Flat computer screen**, for the Scout Hall *(Thank you goes to PG Supporter who has given us one)*

The following **Power Supplies**

For a Flat Screen - power supply needs to be **12v 4.18A**

For a Printer controller - power supply needs to be **13v 300ma**

If you can help with any of the above please email us at: help@pgtips.org.uk or let you sons leader know

BEAVER NEWS

We are nearly at the end of our topic on 'Science' ready to greet the new summer term with our next theme 'The Great outdoors!' We are going to be having lots of fun outside and making the most of the great British weather....we hope. We will be running our usual topical summer events like, cooking in the woods, hiking, nature trail, campfire and tent pitching. I hope you all enjoyed our experiments to date and have learnt a little something as well as had a great time trying them out. I have saved the best experiment until last so prepare yourself for this Monday....

We say good bye *Jake Milston, Zac Gordon Smith, Alex Norris* and *Harry Climpson* this term as they take their next step into Cubs, Good luck Boys! We then say hello to four new comers in a couple of weeks so please make them welcome.



I would like to take this opportunity to pass on some great comments from *Mrs Jefferson* regarding the jumble sale. I had a call too asking if I could help at the event and during the conversation *Mrs Jefferson* expressed her delight with how helpful and willing people had been upon asking for assistance. I would like to thank you all on behalf of us both for your continued support at PG. Without you we would not be the successful group that we are today. I have

always admired the parent support we have had over the years.

Don't forget we are looking for help from parents with Marquee Hires and at our Summer Fair. We have our Group Camp coming up in June, all Beavers should have received details. Beavers can camp with their families or be day trippers and join in the activities and BBQ. We hope you will be able to take part in this special family event

I look forward to the term ahead.

Keo (Sheridan Stone)

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CUB NEWS

Jack and the Beanstalk was a fantastic success and a big thank you to all the adults who put in lots of hard work, as well as thank you to the cast and those back stage. We were able to use the stage the week before the Pantomime for the Cubs to 'entertain' each other. Some brought in musical instruments, others told jokes and one group showed what they did for Red Nose Day. We were all thoroughly entertained and those that took part did very well. This will be used towards their 'Entertainers' badge.

We kicked off the term with delivering jumble notices in the Pinkneys Green area and it was a beautiful evening. The cubs with me seemed to think they might get dragged through the letter box by a fierce dog and so very carefully put the notices through.

During summer term (after half term) we will be doing our outside bases, covering tent pitching, laying and following trails, cooking on open fires and nature identification, so please be aware that on the evening your son is cooking, he will not need to wear uniform, but old clothes and he may well come home black! We hope the weather will be kind to us as these sessions are great fun and we are looking forward to being outside.



During half term, the Cubs will be clearing the PG triangle (Green / Woods opposite the hall) of litter for the National trust, Cubs will need to bring gloves and a black sack. The Scouts will be organising the evening.

Dates for your diary:

- 9 May – District Incident Hike (by invite only)
- 5-7 June – **PG 100** Year Group Camp – **all invited**
- 21 June – PG Group Summer Fair – everyone to help please
- 27 June – Longridge Day (Older Cubs by invite only)
- 12 July – **Family Fun Day** on the Green – **all invited**

Rikki (Lesley Curley)

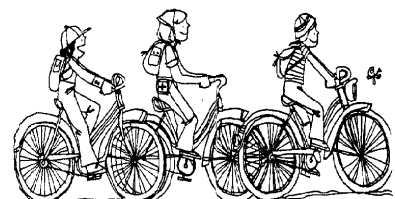
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SCOUT NEWS

Cycling

Can all Parent, 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.



Longridge Water Activity Day

The District are organising a Water Activity day, 28th June 2009, for Scouts again at Longridge, the cost will be £25 per Scout. (Any Scout who wishes to attend must reach strict standards of swimming - Swim 50 meters in light clothing in the river, plus be able to tread water for 5 mins) Activities we hope to include Kayaking, Gig pulling, Rafting and Climbing /Abseiling For more details contact Simon.

Places limited, we have 3 places left. Forms available from Simon.



Troop Camp

Special thank you goes to the *Payne* family for allowing us to camp on their land for our first camp of the year. Over forty-five members of the Troop took part. The Cooking Competition was won by Falcons Patrol, PL Michael Summers. We were very lucky this year with the weather and had a warm sunny weekend. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped transport the equipment to / from Holyport and set up on Thursday. The Patrol Leaders for their help organising the camp.

A selection of Photos at www.pgscouts.org.uk

New PG Scout

We would like to welcome *Daniel Mills* and his family to PG. Daniel has transferred to the Troop and reaffirmed his Scout promise during a special ceremony at Troop camp. We wish his good Scouting at PG.



Group Camp

All Scouts should have received a yellow letter about the Group Camp, if you require another copy they are available in the secure area on PG Web site. Please return the forms to Erica Hunter, if you are not able to take part please let Simon know



Help Running Special Cub Meeting

We are looking for Scouts to help run the Cub meeting during half term

Wednesday 27th May 2009

If you are able to help, please let Simon know

LAN Event

Scouts Note we are holding a LAN event 23rd – 24th May. Let Simon know if you require more details

2009 Summer Camp - Monmouth

Those who are paying monthly the next payment £25 is due by 15th May, which leaves you the final payment, which is due by 15th June. **Please make sure you have paid in full by 15th June**, any problems, please contact Simon ASAP. A big thank you goes to all the parents who have given us post dated cheques.



Simon Wheeler

PG Web Site <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/>

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