



GROUP NEWS

January 2012

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 2012

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

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£775** 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, 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.

Letters

*Dear Cubs and leaders of the Pack
Thank you so much for the very useful xmas parcel you delivered on Wednesday evening. You were all so enthusiastic and sang the carols with such gusto. I was quite overwhelmed*



*Dear Pinkneys Green Scouts
Once again thank you for the Christmas parcel which is greatly appreciated.
Sorry if we took some time to answer the door but we can not move as fast as we used to
Merry Christmas to all the PG cubs and Scouts*

*Thank you all again
Doris Stinton*

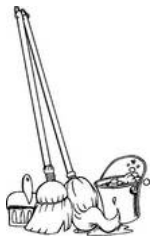
Mr & Mrs Stroud

Christmas Trees

Can we Congratulate *Ken Knight & Ali Fyffe* for all their hard work organising our Christmas tree project, plus to all the Scouts / Parents for delivering the promotional leaflets, plus to everyone who delivered the trees and collected them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree this year.



We sold over 320 trees and raised over **£4,000**



Calling All Parents – Can you spare 30 Minutes - Once a term?

Please would you consider joining the Weekly Cleaning Rota to help us keep the Hall spick & span? We need more parents from February 2012 onwards to replace parents who have moved on. Originally, I volunteered to help, because I preferred the Beaver, Cub & Scout Leaders to concentrate on the activities than cleaning. It has been such a success in 2011 we really want to keep the Rota going. More on the list means doing it further apart - maybe less than once a term. It has not gone unnoticed by other Scout Groups that we manage to do this. Great role-models for your Youngster's! There is lots of flexibility about when you come – you volunteer to clean the kitchen & loo during one week, and then pass the key onwards. Surprisingly, we have noticed that Thursdays works best for everyone but as long as you check with Simon, it is pretty much up to you. Cleaning materials are supplied (I recommend you bring your own rubber gloves). If you think you can join the Rota, please contact me. I am so grateful to all those already involved.

Pauline Patel

PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. Tel: Home 01628 670063 & Mob 0779 123 0354 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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 please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and **DON'T PARK or PICK UP** where the **WHITE LINES** are outside the hall

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.



2012 Panto – Aladdin

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Aladdin, it will be on **Friday 23rd March, 7pm and Saturday 24th March 3pm & 7pm**. 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 / beginning February - up to you) sort out the Aladdin 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 10th - 12th February 2012 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 rolled around a piece of wood) They need to be moved beginning of February

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

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: Revd. Keith Nicholls for organising the service. Also to parents & youngsters 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 Sunday 1st January 2012. Approx 80 youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green. This year's route was past Stag & Hounds, across Pinkneys Green to Henley Road, over the A404 via footbridge to Maidenhead Thicket, on to Stubbings house. Then back to Pinkneys Green via darlings Lane to Lee Farm, then across the fields to Golden Ball, before returning to Cricket pitch. Some walkers then had a well deserved drink in the Waggon and Horses. There are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING Remember we still need your support;

it is quite simple to access our web shop, enter the address www.spendandraise.com/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 and it is effortless fundraising. It does not take many purchases for the commission to add up over the year. Simply go via this link and make it a favourite for your shopping needs. No registration – No spam!

Here's the address again, www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/ . **And don't forget to tell your friends**

Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the at some meeting and summer months. (Something to look forward to) **They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform.** If you need a new PG T shirt, these are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. Sheila usually brings the T-shirts to Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. Raksha also has PG Scarfs.

CRB Forms

All PG Parents are CRB'd. If you receive a form can you please complete it and return it for **checking with relevant documents** as soon as possible to save Erica chasing you.

The Forms can be returned:

Mondays – during Beavers 5.55pm – 7.15pm;

Wednesdays during Cubs 6.25pm – 8.00pm,

Fridays after Scouts 9.30pm.

This term (till 22nd March) they can also be returned on a Sunday 3pm – 4.30pm and a Thursday 6.45pm – 8.15pm

Black Sacks of Rubbish

Thank you goes to all the Parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. This saves us a lot of money.

COOKHAM'S CYCLE & FISHING SHOP
A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS OFFERING GREAT PERSONAL SERVICE & FREE ADVICE

Maidenhead Bait & Tackle

TACKLE FOR EVERYONE FROM BEGINNERS TO DISCERNING MATCHMEN. BAIT FOR COARSE, CARP & PIKE FISHING.

OPEN MON-SAT (JUN-SEPT OPEN 7 DAYS)
www.maidenheadbait.co.uk

COOKHAM'S CYCLES
ALL MAKES OF GENTS, LADIES & CHILDRENS BIKES & ACCESSORIES
Service & Repairs

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
www.cookhamcycles.co.uk
01628 530505
FREE PARKING
11-13 STATION PARADE, COOKHAM, BERKS SL6

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

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The end of the first term of the new Beaver colony in Littlewick, the colony has 9 beavers, 7 boys and 2 Girls, they were invested during the term also I am pleased to announce that Ash Popat has now joined the leader team and will be commencing her training in January. All 3 have agreed to be warranted leaders all are also mums of children in the colony.

Littlewick Beavers finished the term making Christmas cards for family and friends. They have had an active first term doing various craft and outdoor activities; they also entered the Beaver craft competition in November.

We wish all the beavers and their families a happy Christmas and new year and look forward to seeing them again in January.

Baloo (*Erica Hunter*)

Winter Hill Colony

Beavers finished off 2011 with some Christmas themed activities, we had a very messy but enjoyable evening making peppermint creams, we made Christmas decorations in preparation for our Beaver Banquet and we sang some Christmas carols along with playing a few party game classics to get us in the mood! We had a very successful Christmas Beaver Banquet this year and enjoyed celebrating the festive season with parents and beavers alike! Thanks to everyone who came to our Christingle service at Stubbings Church, it was a lovely event and had a brilliant atmosphere this year. Also a big thanks to the cubs and Baghera for inviting us to the pantomime at the town hall. Beavers and leaders alike thoroughly enjoyed the show!

At the point of going to press next term's theme for beaver activities has not yet been decided, so watch this space! We can tell you however that it will be filled with lots of outdoor, indoor, messy and loud activities to keep us all entertained!

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)

* * * *

CUB NEWS

The weeks counting down to Christmas have been so busy that I hardly know where to start this month! Since my last report we have had evenings on planning a countryside trip, learning circus skills (which confirmed that I really can't juggle!) and finding out about life in India including tasting Indian sweets. More on those in the Cubs' reports below. We also watched the Maidenhead Pantomime (featuring our very own Baghera!) and completed our swimming sessions with dozens of badges being earned. Our thanks to all the parents who helped us run those sessions.

As many of you will know, the Cub Scout law says that "Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn everyday". We had no better example of that than on 7th December when the Cubs delivered food parcels to some elderly local residents - with carol singing thrown in too! The food was purchased with funds raised at the PG Christmas Fair and was much appreciated by the recipients. Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair.

This month we also invested Kim as a new Assistant Cub Scout Leader. She has chosen her Jungle Book name ... which conveniently is also Kim! Red Six also celebrated winning the Star Six award for the term - their second win in a row.



Kim gave us a talk about India and showed us some photos from her trip. She told us about the cows you often meet on the roads and about how some families travel by rickshaw. We learnt about Holi, which is also known as the Festival of Colours. During Holi people go around splatting each other with powder paint. Kim said that when she went there, some boys had a bin full of powder paint and they also had giant super soakers. They put their old clothes on and as soon as they stepped out onto the doorstep they got splattered. We finished off the talk by trying some Indian sweets. I had never tried them before but really liked the ones with a thick coating of sugar around them. By **Patrick Flood**

India was a very interesting thing to learn about. One of the best bits was when we ate the Indian sweets. I think most people liked the one that tasted a bit like shortbread. One of them I didn't like was one that looked like a lump of cheese. An interesting thing we learnt was that the Taj Mahal was made by a man because he loved his wife so much. But when he had finished it, his wife was already dead. By **Pat Russell**.

Last week at cubs we learnt all about circus skills. Akela and the leaders taught us how to juggle with 3 balls, spin a plate on a stick and do the diabolo. I found the juggling hard and my favourite bit was the plate spinning as I could do that. At the end we had a competition where we all had to try do one of the circus skills. I won the plate spinning and got 3 points for my six. I really enjoyed it. By **Alex Ratcliffe**.

Happy New Year!
Mysa (David Barnes)

* * * *

SCOUT NEWS

Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 14th January 2012 at 5.50pm. 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 please contact **Tarka** on 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 will be organising this activity, with help from a young leader

We will require help from parents with transport.



Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome two Cubs *Louis Cadinouche & Christopher Otun*. to the Troop, they have started their Moving Up Award. They will be invested as Scouts later this month.

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 part year 7 3rd – 4th February
- Year 7 & part year 8 27th -28th January
- Older Scouts 20th -21st January

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.



Pantomime – Aladdin

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 12th and Sunday 15th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this year's 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 23rd March, 7.00pm + Saturday 24th March, 3.00pm & 7.00pm**. Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

2012 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Wales. Can we remind those who have **not given** our treasurer post dated cheques, the next **payment £29 is due by 25th January**, to PG treasurer *Megan Sadie*.

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 (2012) Medical & Personal Detail Forms.

Can parents please complete and return these forms to *Simon* by **21st 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 *George Jefferson* for carrying the Troop flag, and to *Oliver Isted* who did the readings, 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. Photos on web www.pgscouts.org.uk

Troop New Year's Party

On Friday 30th December, we had a very successful Troop Party..Thank you goes to Mark Courtier for organising an evening of games and the parents for providing the food

Troop Dinner

This is where the Scouts invite people who have helped the **Troop** over the past twelve months. Thank you goes to Young Leader: *Jordan Day-Hunt* for organising the evening 109 guests sat down to a three course meal of toast& pâté, pasta bolognese followed by mince pies and cream. A special thank you goes to *Michael Crown* and *Alex Robins* for doing the cooking, *BoB Weingarth* for doing the shopping. After the meal *James Ashe* and *Daniel Mills* did a presentation of their trip to the World Jamboree in Sweden

Troop Camp

The first big camp of 2012, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

Date: Friday 18th May to Sunday 20th May 2012

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 this years Summer Camp in July.

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)

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: Ian Marshall 07799 555444
Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 300301

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



Pinkneys Green Scouts
2012 Outline Programme

1/1/2012

1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am
8 January	Scout	- PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
12 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime Aladdin
14 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
20-21 Jan	Scout	- Training Course (Year 9 above)
27-28 Jan	Scout	- Training Course (Part Year 7 plus Year 8)
3-4 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6 plus part Year 7)
10 February	Scout	- Special Troop Activity Swimming at Windsor Pool
10-12 Feb	Group	- Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
15 February	Cub	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts PL's & APL's)
18-19 Feb	Scout	- LAN Weekend
25-26 Feb	Group	- Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
3 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
5 March	Beaver PG	- " We Entertain " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
16 March	Scout	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
17 March	Cub	- District Football Competition
23-24 March	Group	- Scouts Pantomime Aladdin
25 March	Group	- Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required
25 March	Cub	- District Flag Competition
28 March	Group	- Gang Show - High Wycombe <i>Correction</i>
14-15 April	Scout	- LAN
22 April	Scout	- District Football Competition
28 April	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
29 April	Group	- District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
4-6 May	Cub	- Parent and Child Camp
12 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
18th-20nd May	Scout	- Troop Camp - ALL Scouts to Attend
19 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
4 June	Scout	- Special Group Queens Diamond Jubilee Event
6 June	Cub	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
15 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
17 June	Group	- Summer "Fair On The Green"
23 June	Cubs	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
24 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Scouts
2 July	Beaver PG	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
8 July	Group	- PG Fun Day & AGM
20 Jul - tbc	Scout	- Summer Camp – <i>tbc</i> - All Scouts
[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]		
7-9 Sept	Cub	- Cub Camp - ALL Cubs to attend
14 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
15 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
22-23 Sept	Scout	- IT weekend
29 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
6 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
7 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
7 October	Cub/Sct	- Rotary Boundary Walk
20-21 October	Group	- JOTA & JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)
27-28 October	Scout	- LAN
10 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
11 November	Group	- Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs & Scouts
16-17 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
23-24 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
30 November	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming) All Scouts
2 December	Group	- Christmas Fair On a Sunday
3 December	Beaver PG	- Christmas Party (Run by the Scouts)
9 December	Group	- Carol (Christingle) Service 3.50pm at Stubbings Church
12 ? December	Beaver/Cub	- Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime
21 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
22-23 Dec	Scout	- Computer Weekend
28 December	Scout	- Scouts New Year Party

Check www.pgscouts.org.uk for latest diary

Email: info@pgscouts.org.uk Scout Hall Tel: (01628) 771991