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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

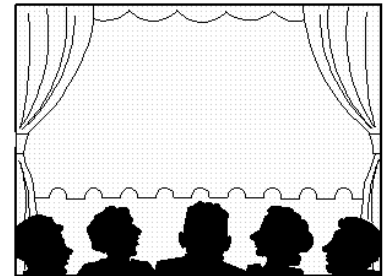
March 2012

2012 PG's PANTOMIME – ALADDIN

The Scouts, Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime *Aladdin*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil, Hathi* 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

A big thank you goes to *Clive & Jordan Hunt, Tm Neeve, Karen Kirkland, Jo Hutchins, Pauline Patel, Matthew Dixon, and John Bannerman* who have helped build this year. Also to *Andrew Jones, Steve Banister, Ian Ruffell* and *Pauline Patel* who moved pantomime bits to the Scout hall last week.



Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 25th March** 10.30am. We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

TICKETS ON SALE for Aladdin

We have tickets available for the following performances Friday 23rd March 7pm, plus Saturday 24th March at 3pm and 7pm. at £3.50 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or in an envelope labelled Pantomime and drop off at the hall.



Active Kids is underway – and we need a team effort!

REMINDER We're taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2012. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.

You can collect Active Kids vouchers from 15 February to 10 April 2012. You'll receive 1 voucher for every £10 spent at any Sainsbury's main store or £5 spent in Sainsbury's convenience stores. You'll also receive vouchers for groceries online and at petrol stations, plus Nectar points can be turned into Active Kids vouchers too – visit nectar.com for details.

So please help us collect by donating your vouchers to us, and let anyone and everyone know that we're taking part in Active Kids! Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference. Please send the vouchers along to your child's meeting.

PG's SPECIAL EVENT – QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign PG will be holding a Special Diamond Jubilee Event on Bank holiday, Monday 4 June 2012.

Planning has started, we will give you more details, in the next couple of weeks, we hope all member, parents and friends will join us at this event



Pinkneys Green Scouts

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Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

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Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are 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 contact our Marquee coordinator Ian Marshall Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk or phone him on 07799 555444 for more details.

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your child from the Scout Hall, 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 Golden Ball; then down Golden Ball Lane; turn right down Winter Hill Rd

Spring Jumble Sale

Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 28th April and Saturday 19th May - 10.30am



We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 27th April, 6.30pm** and help at the Sales on the Saturdays. Our Parent Jumble Sales coordinators will be contacting parents at the end of March

For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: **Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk**

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your child in their Scouting at PG

CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

A big thank you goes to the following parents who are on the rota to clean the hall till August 2012

Jill Kersey, Ken Knight, Louise Jefferson, Cathy Allcock, Vanessa Deans, Maggie Dennis, Vanessa Deans, Maggie Dennis, Gemma Woolford, Natalie Cassels, Sarah Conacher, Pauline Jones, Damaris Anderson, David Williams, Tim & Emma Neeve, Alison Cadinouche, Clare Marshall, Lisa Hewitt, Sandi Isted, Sue Giles, Jo Hutchins, Julia Stubblefield, Rosie Bleazard, Karen Rayfield, Jenny Wijesinghe, Angharad Aslett-Clark, Louisa Bennett, Alison Cini, Helen Pocock, Karen Rayfield, Laura Williams and Pauline Patel



We are looking for parents to go on the Rota from September. Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time. For more details please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Pauline Patel** Tel: 01628 670063 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING

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.

Here's the address again, www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/

. . . And don't forget to tell your friends

Summer Fair HELP Wanted

Our Summer Fair coordinator Jane Courtier is looking for some help for the Summer Fair. **New assistants are needed to help run it.** We are looking for someone to coordinate the raffle. Immediate help is wanted to send out the letters that Cubs are currently writing to potential donors and to collate the results. Soon more volunteers could help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. 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

Fair Date is Sunday 17th June 2012 (Weekend after Half term week)

Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Matt and Hannah Weingarth on the birth of their daughter Poppy – 6lb 5oz on Sunday 26th February.

Matt is a Scout Section Assistant, with the Troop, he helps out on Group & Summer camps. They live in York.

Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. This saves the leaders having to take it down to the tip.

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BEAVER NEWS

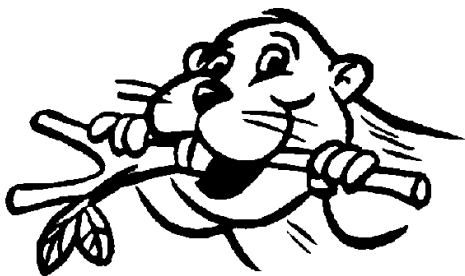
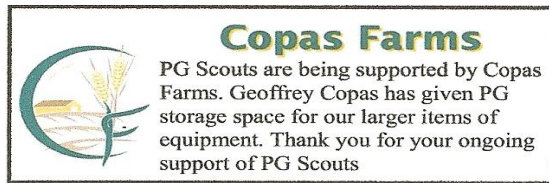
We hope that all Beavers from both colonies and their families will come along and see this year's Scouts Pantomime, its well worth a family outing. There are three performances Friday 23rd March 7pm, plus Saturday 24th March at 3pm and 7pm.

Littlewick Colony

NO Report

Winter Hill Colony

Beavers have had a busy end to the half term, continuing with our 'pirate' theme. We enjoyed an evening making pirate ships out of cardboard boxes, we made our very own pirate swords, and had an excellent pirate party joint with Littlewick Green to celebrate 103 years of Pinkneys Green Scouts.



We welcomed four new beavers into our colony, *Ben Jones, Charlie Holman, Oscar Bennett and Edward Aslett Clark*. We hope they are enjoying their time at Pinkneys Green and extend a warm welcome to both them and their families.

Coming up this term, we've got a visit to the fire station and we'll be making our own pirate flags in the hall. Our annual District Beaveree is at the end of February and we are looking forward to spending the afternoon playing games and activities with the rest of Maidenhead's beavers! This year's theme is the Olympics and we'll be raising money for charity at the same time! . The Scout Troop is running the Beaver meeting on Monday

5th March, the theme is "We will Entertain" Beavers if they wish, can bring along any jokes they know, musical instruments they can play or any magic tricks they can show us

Please remember to be especially careful in the dark evenings when dropping off and picking up your beavers and to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

This month the Cubs have been focussed on core Scouting skills and knowledge. This has included meetings on knots, the highway code and learning about the flags and saints of the UK. Following a creative evening we now also have a great display of posters representing each Six on our Star Six points board. At the time of writing Blue Six are leading the Star Six competition on 29 points. One way the Cubs can earn points for their Six is through our weekly inspections. Points are awarded for being smartly turned out in full uniform (including long socks), having a clean handkerchief in their pocket (to use as a compress if needed), having clean hands and displaying a positive attitude.

This month sees the Cub football competition being held on 17th March at Wessex Primary School. Matches are between 1pm and 4pm - supporters are very welcome! Over to *Lucas Jefferson* to report on the Cub Swimming Gala

"Saturday 14th January was the annual District Cub Swimming Gala at the Magnet and PG had the chance to win the cup for about the 14th year in a row. PG had a fantastic team of 8 cubs in different events against the other packs from the District. Races were divided into age groups - so that everybody had a fair chance. Races included breast stroke, freestyle, backstroke, relays and a novelty race. I was entered into 4 races including the novelty one, where I had to dive down and get a brick after half a length of front crawl and finish the length on my back carrying the brick.



After the heats, the fastest swimmers went through to the finals in each event - where points were scored for you Cub pack. PG did really well and had at least one Cub in every final - sometimes we even had 2! PG had a great gala - winning lots of races. I was lucky enough to win all my races - and was given the award for best Cub at the competition. The scores were counted and once

again PG WON!! We were presented with lots of certificates and at the end of the gala were given the District Cup. Well done PG Cubs!"

Until next month,
Mysa (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

2012's Pantomime - "Aladdin"

The main cast members in this year's production are: *James Ashe, Patrick Ashe, James Carr, John Conacher, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Richard Hurst, Jay Hutchins, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Jake Milston, Jonathan Otun, Tom Sellers, Joshua Wallace, Christopher Otun, Robert Anderson and George Knott*. They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January.

We hope that those Scouts who are not in or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 23rd or Saturday 24th March. Tickets will be available at £3.50 each

Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition course is approx 2 miles, across the field behind the Scout hall,

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

Date: Saturday 3rd March, **10.45am** at the Scout Hall.

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

Swimming – Windsor Leisure Pool

The Scouts, who are not in this year's pantomime, will be swimming to Windsor Leisure Pool. We are holding an extra rehearsal for leaders & cast who are in this year's production that evening. Chris Parker will be organising the Swimming.

Date: Friday 16th March 2012, 7pm – 9pm



District Football Competition

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

Competition Date: Sunday 22nd April 2012, 2pm

Help Running Beavers Meeting

The Troop is running the Beaver meeting on Monday 5th March and we are looking for help from Scouts with running the evening. The Beavers will be using the stage area. Scouts need to be at the hall from 5.50pm – 7.15pm and wear Scout uniform

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

Scouts need to return their payment by 19th March to get the discount price. **We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend**, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp.

Patrol Swimming

This term small groups of Scouts have been going to High Wycombe swimming pool to do the staged Swimmers badge or taken out on hikes, so they can practice their Mapping and Compass skills. Thank you goes to leaders, BoB Weingarth, for taking the Scouts

St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Saturday 29th April 2012, 2pm. This year Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout, more details near the event.

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods

Thank you goes to *Harry Bennett, Evan Charles, Matthew Dixon, Oliver Dorrell, Barnaby Flew, Oliver Griffin, George Jefferson, James Kersey, Aidan & Jake Milston, Ben Ratcliffe, Joshua Wallace* and *Myles Rankin* for organising and running the basis for the Cubs incident hike organised in the local woods for the Cubs during half term.

Training Weekends

We have held three training weekends for different age groups, a big thank you goes to the PLs, APLs and Young Leaders who helped on the weekends. Also to all the Scouts who attended. We hope you will be able to attend Troop camp, to put all your training into practice.

Simon Wheeler



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