



GROUP NEWS

May 2021

For the Summer Term all Sections have been able to return to Face to Face section meeting. We have to follow the government regulations, with social distancing, plus Scouts, Young leaders and leaders having to wear face covering under certain conditions, including going inside the halls.

Your child's section leader will keep you up-to-date with changing regulations.

A copy the *Pinkneys Green Scout Group COVID-19 Policy and Response*. Is on PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/Covid.docx



St George's Day 2021

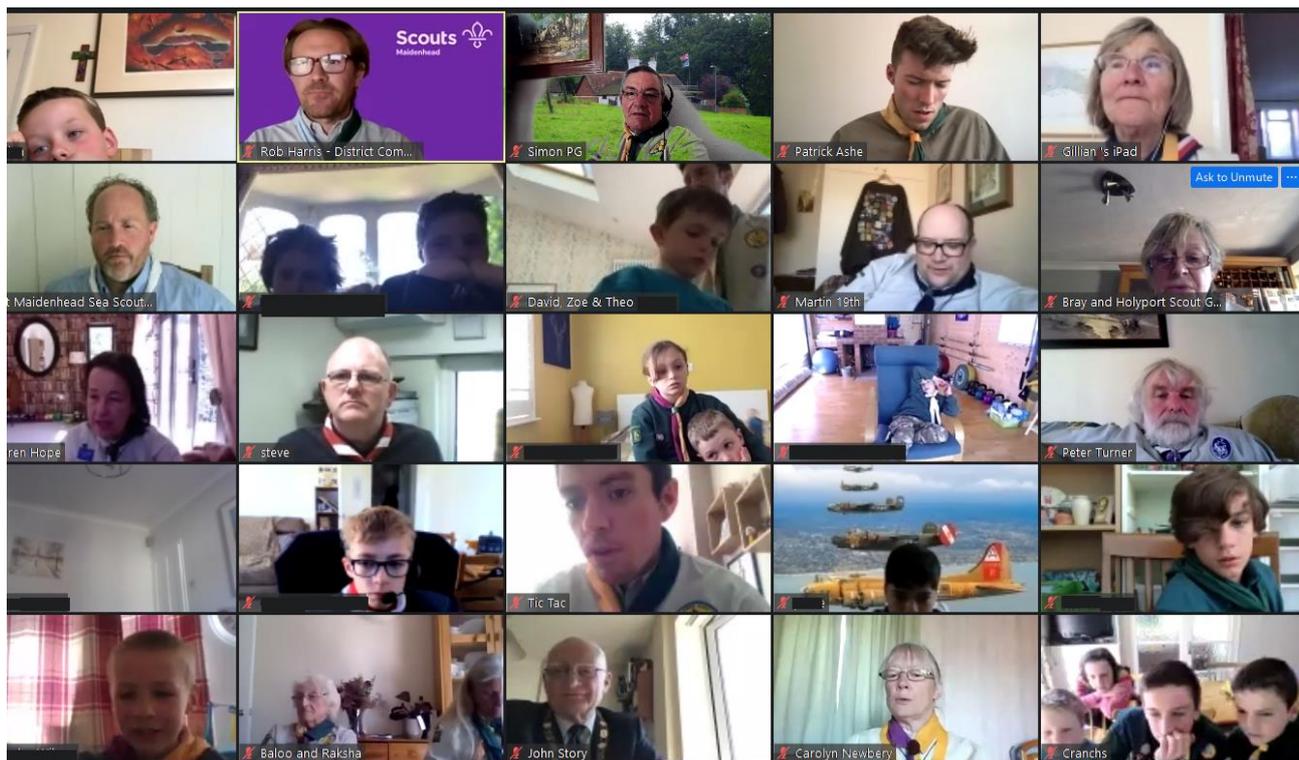


Due to Covid this year's District St George's Day event took place on line, via zoom, approx. 200 people attended from the eleven groups in Maidenhead.

Our District Commissioner *Rob Harris* welcomed everyone before the Mayor *John Story* of Royal borough of Windsor and Maidenhead said a few word. This was followed by Ex PG Scout *Patrick Ashe* who is a magician, who entertained everyone in between the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & leaders who renewed their promises.

The event finished off with five camp fire songs, which had been chosen by a pole of members in the District.

It was good to see so many members of PG join us at this year's event.



Scout Logo for St Georges Day

This year the District asked members of Maidenhead Scouts to take part in an art exhibition for a display in Maidenhead for St Georges. They had to create your own interpretation of our Scout logo using whatever you have at home. They are on display at Barker and Stone Estate Agents in Providence Place, next to Salisbury's.

The following members; *Zoe, Will, Tolomey, Simran, Sam, Reuben, Raksha, Rainbow, Natty, Marcus, Edward, Dexter, Daniel, Ben, Beatrice, Baloo & Alex*, members of all PG Beaver, cub and Scout sections created their own interpretations.



District Scout Shop

As well as being open on Thursday evenings, **7.30pm-9.00pm** term time, the Shop will also be open on second Saturday of the month **10am-12noon** (8 May, 12 June & 10 July)

Map and details <https://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/>

Please note the following Covid 19 mitigations:

- Limited numbers of customers in the shop
- Face masks must be worn
- Hand sanitiser will be available for all customers
- Social Distancing rules must be followed



We do have some second hand uniform available, for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. For more details contact *Peta Almond* pgsups@hotmail.co.uk

Easyfundraising Online Shopping



During this challenging time we still can't fundraise in person and events have been cancelled, **PG still needs your support.**

If you're shopping online for anything at all, please remember to go via easyfundraising to raise free donations for us.

Easyfundraising has over 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to you, including lots of big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible. All you have to do is go through the easyfundraising website or App whenever you shop online and we'll receive a percentage of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us.

We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us. Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/

Thank you goes to everyone who has gone via this page when you shop online

We have raised so far £1,422.84

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

We finally got back to face-to-face scouting it was great to see all the beavers having fun.

Our first night back focused on safety we looked at water safety road safety and stranger danger. The beavers also enjoyed playing some socially distance games.



We had a surprise visit from the district commissioner *Rob Harris* Who gave out some awards congratulations Theresa on her chief Scouts Commendation, *Alex* for his award for merit and *Sheridan* for her award.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



Littlewick Colony

Hawkeye and I were delighted to hold our first face to face meeting last Monday. We were pleased to hand out a lot of badges which have been achieved during lockdown and zooming but most excited to be back on the green! We

were busy planting sunflower and tomato seeds before lots of games and running around. We were really pleased to introduce our two young leaders, *Connor Wilcock* and *Dylan Williams-Lock*, to the Beavers too. In fact we were so busy playing games I forgot to reward the Beavers for their decorated egg efforts so I promise to remember the treats this week!

We are looking forward to our active programme for the next few weeks as well as welcoming some new faces.

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)



CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

At the time of writing we haven't met since our last update but we're looking forward to the return of our face to face meetings and a more detailed report next month.

Here's our programme for the Summer Term:

- 28 April / Nature Part 1:
- 05 May / Dodgeball & 4-Way Football (Investitures)
- 12 May / Nature: Make a bird feeder
- 19 May / Road Walk
- 26 May / Team Challenges
- H/T 02 May / Litter Clearing (Scouts)
- 09 June / Tents, Fires, Trails
- 16 June / Tents, Fires, Trails
- 23 June / Tents, Fires, Trails
- 30 June / Countryside Walk
- 07 July / Swimming
- 14 July / Wide Game



Although it's unlikely cub camp will be able to go ahead this year, stand by for information about an activity day coming soon.

Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We returned to face to face scouting on the 29th March, which happened to be the day the national restrictions and therefore scout readiness level changed.

It was really great to get the whole troop together and in person for the first time in a long time. For this first meeting we kept it simple and did a selection of wide games out on the green.

Since Easter we have had two more meetings. For the first we did some pioneering to build defences in two teams. The defences had to be taller than me. The challenge was then for the opposing team to knock the defences down by throwing objects at it. The defences were counted as down when they became shorter than me. Two robust structures were built with spires so the challenge became hit the spire which was pretty difficult. Both were knocked over eventually. For our most recent meeting we went down to the woods, explored it and played some games.

We look forward to a term outside and enjoying the light evenings.



Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We have had another very busy month, Scouts had a baking evening where the challenge was to make some lemon biscuits in various shapes, some of the Scouts made the Scout logo and entered a photo of them in the District St Georges art competition.



We have returned to face to face meetings, where we have had a delayed Easter egg hunt, the Scouts also had to complete a challenge with a chicken egg and a stick two metres long, to help them learn how far they should be social distancing.

The Scouts have had an evening of activities and games which they completed with social distancing. We managed to lose a few things in the grass, especially as it has grown in places.

For the summer term we will be meeting outside on the green and in the local woods, Scouts will need to make sure they bring appropriate clothing, if the weather is wet or cold.

We would like to welcome from Cubs *Noah Lee* and *Jonah Puddephatt* who have started their Moving up Award with the Troop.



2021 Summer Camp. We still hope we will be able to take the Scouts away this summer for our annual camp this Summer. This will depend on the Scout Association & Government rules. If we are allowed to go away it will be at the beginning of the RBWM school holidays between Thursday 22nd July and Saturday 31st July, as junior schools don't finish until 21st July. As soon as we have received more information I will update Scouts and parents.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)