



GROUP NEWS

October 2016



JOTI and JOTA

We are hoping to hold again this year at our Scout Hall *International*
JOTA - Jamboree on the Air & JOTI - Jamboree on the Internet

Date: Saturday 15th Oct. 10am to Sunday 16th Oct. approx. 2pm

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part.

Cubs and Scouts should be able to do an activity badge on Saturday 10am & 2pm. Sunday 10am

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

59th Jamboree on the Air - 15th-16th October 2016

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GB0PG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have **Bill Somerville** and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge, on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Jamboree on the Air in which half a million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. The use of amateur radio means that many Scouts get the opportunity to discover the skills of wireless radio techniques and electronics. JOTA is also the only event that offers each individual Scout the opportunity to speak to other Scouts across the world.



20th Jamboree on the Internet - - 15th-16th October 2016

The 2016 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 20th JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world in a similar way to JOTA, but using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info/> to find out more

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.



The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand,

Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self

During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events

Jumble Sale

Thank you goes to 38 parents and friends who helped at our September Jumble Sale We need some **helpers** to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall. We are looking for help sorting Jumble Friday 7th October, **9pm** sorting Jumble and Saturday 8th October, **10.10am** selling, **12noon** clearing up and taking rubbish to the tip.

If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, then please contact our Jumble Sale coordinator **Arti Mehta**, email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk **We really need your support.**



JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 8th October 10.30am

WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE JUMBLE thinking of having that clear out now is the time

CHRISTMAS TREES 2016



Details attached to this issue PG Tips

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green/
Cookham / Hurley areas

We are taking orders

Orders by 4pm Sunday **6th November**
for delivery on Saturday 3rd December 2016

Order form also on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Trees Update

Unfortunately we have had to change the supplier of our Christmas trees this year and we wanted to give you advance warning of how this has affected us. As a result of this change of supplier, we will no longer be able to offer Fraser trees. We will be able to offer an alternative tree, the Serbian Spruce, which has a narrow base, similar to the Fraser. As it is a Spruce it will drop its needles a little more than the Fraser, but provided it is kept in a stand that can hold water, the needle drop should be minimal. We are still able to supply the Norway Spruce (wide base) and the Nordman (non-drop, wide-based). A further change is that our deadline for orders has been brought forward to Sunday 6th November. The Christmas trees will be cut during the last 2 weeks of November, which is a little earlier than previous years but not as early as trees purchased from garden centres. We hope that despite these changes, you will still be able to support the Scout Group, and will be sending an order form out in the next couple of weeks. Thank you

Group (Family) Camp at Stubbings

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders plus twenty-six families camped at Stubbings, as well as day visitors.



Friday evening once the Scouts had set up their tents a game was then organised for all the children followed by hot chocolate and biscuits before bed. Saturday morning after breakfast there were bases: Astronomy: Maidenhead Astronomical Society; Bee Keeping: High Wycombe & District Beekeepers' Association; Surveying: Ground Surveys Ltd; Modelling Making Pottery using Pinkneys Green clay; Twists Cooking; First Aid including resuscitation; Nature drawing; Shooting. After lunch there were team games: Fun games for a mixed group of ages in the rain. This was followed by afternoon tea. The evening we had a hog roast with over 200 people attending followed by our AGM. The day finished off with a camp fire. Sunday after breakfast we had a Scouts Own and Group photo for those on site, followed by a walk with questions and chance to have a go at circus skills. Before we took down all the tents and took all the equipment back to Scout hall.

A lot of hard went into organising the camp, thank you goes to Baloo and her team of leaders for organising a great camp.

There are over 200 photos of the weekend on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Printing Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is *Dick Whittington*, we are looking for someone to update the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon, email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

PHOTOCOPYING

Can you do A3 photocopies for PG or know where we can get them done for a reasonable price

We are looking for 20-100 A3 Poster (Black & White), to advertise our Christmas Fair

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Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Beaver Leader *Jen* (Winter Hill **Hawkeye**) and *Neil Nyman* on the birth of their daughter *Poppy Clare*, born on 5th September 2016 weighing 7.3lb, a sister for *Dottie*.

We look forward to meeting her at Beavers



40 Years as a Leader

Our District Commissioner *Graham Parkins* presented Winter Hill Scout Leader *Simon Wheeler* with an award for 40 years as a leader at Pinkneys Green

BEAVER NEWS



Winter Hill Colony

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and it was great to see so many of you at family camp. We have lots more exciting activities planned now that we are all back! 2016 is the 30th anniversary of Beaver Scouts which we will be celebrating in one of our meetings this month, we have a hike planned and we are hoping to run the computer evening again – it's going to be a busy half term!

We would also like to welcome our 6 new Beavers, *James Balfe*, *Charlotte Burfitt*, *Noah Lee*, *Cameron Mullin-Brown*, *George Randal*, *Owen Lattimer*, *Sylvie Corley* and *Ethan Shaffrey* who joined us at the start of this term.

WH Beaver leaders team

Littlewick Colony

Our Autumn term started with the PG family camp in the grounds of Stubbings. We braved the rain, fog and sun to play family games, learn about honey bees, make clay models, cook bread twists, scavenger hunt, play swing ball, surveying and sing songs around the camp fire.

Well done to our eight beavers that camped with their families and received their first 'night away' badges.

Tom Matthews held the Littlewick Beaver Flag at our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church. We have a busy term ahead and we started with a night of games. We have already welcomed four new beavers to our colony and I'm sure they'll enjoy our planned den building in Bisham woods, space exploration night, going dotty for RNIB and lots more.

Beavers relies on volunteers to help create a fun and safe environment for the children to play and learn and we are always looking for more leaders to help at meetings.

We also have a parents rota so you can sign up to attend a meeting, please do speak to Karen (parents rota organiser), or leaders Emma (**Hawkeye**), Tara (**Wren**), Maureen (**Willow**) or Ali (**Keeo**) if you are able to help.

LG Beaver leaders team



CUB NEWS



Winter Hill Pack

After a peaceful summer break, we started the new term with Family Camp. We took 17 cubs from both packs to Stubbings.

The cubs took part in a full programme of activities including cooking bread twists on an open fire and playing sports in mixed age teams. The highlights of the weekend were the campfire and rifle shooting. Thank you Baloo, for organising a really great camp.

We said goodbye to *Ben Jones*, who has moved onto Littlewick Scouts. We wish him well for the next step of his scouting journey.

Otto Basarab read a prayer and *Isambard Medhurst* held the cub flag at our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church.

Over the coming term, we plan to play conkers, carve pumpkins and work towards our communicator badges.

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)

Littlewick Pack

On behalf of all the Littlewick cubs and parents, I would like to say goodbye and a big thank you to our wonderful leader *Jo Taylor* (**Rikki**), who this month is sadly leaving us due to other commitments. *Jo* has been with Littlewick for over two years and has been our main leader for the last six months. *Jo* will be remembered with fondness and much gratitude, bringing so much fun and excitement to cubs, and for making our Wednesday evenings so special!

We would also like to say a big thank you and a big welcome to *Peter Matthews* who is our new Akela, and who will have our full support for the future.

Kaa (*Richard Stevenson*)



SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

Summer has flown by and we're back for another term of activities! Plans are still being formed at the time of writing, but will include seasonal favourites likes pumpkin carving around Hallowe'en and a trip to the Pantomime in December. We will also be having a visit out during the term so watch this space for details.

However, arguably the biggest event of the term has already been, with a great family camp being held at Stubbings. While a series of colds and illnesses following the first week back to school had a fairly heavy impact on the LW Scouts contingent, it was still a great weekend, despite the "low flying mist" on the Saturday. I have started to formulate ideas for a LW Scouts camp next year, so hopefully those that missed out this time will get another chance.

Finally for this month, welcome to *Eva Murray, Charlotte Wilkinson* and *Ben Jones* who have joined the Troop from PG's two Cub Packs.

LG Scout Leader (David Barns)



Winter Hill Troop

Scout meetings continued through the summer holidays doing lots of activities in the woods, improving the Scouts Scouting skills.

Congratulations goes to two Troop leaders, *Matthew Milston* and *Toby Ayre* of being presented with their **wood badges** by District Commissioner *Graham Parkins*. A **wood badge** is gained when a leader has completed their training for the Section they are in. It normally takes a couple of years to complete attending weekend training course run by the county.

We have had a busy month with 19 Scouts attending the group camp at Stubbings, they had a busy time and enjoyed the activities, like resuscitation run by a Scout mum *Helen Pocock* teaching the Scouts and dads see the photo. We also enjoyed the team games, despite the wet weather and the excellent meals that were cooked for us.



The past few weeks have been busy, delivering the Jumble Sale flyers Taking part in wide games on Cookham moor / Cockmarsh, plus having a Troop Conker competition. Harvest festival, thanks go to *Toby Pocock, Matthew Miller & Josef Basarab* for doing a reading and *Nick Conacher* for carrying the Troop Flag, plus the Scouts and YLs who attended. Coming up we have the We have the APLs attending the District PLs training course and are looking for Scouts to take part in the District cycle event. **We are looking for help** from Scouts, running the Cub Halloween party on Wednesday 26th October.

WH Scout Leader (Simon Wheeler)



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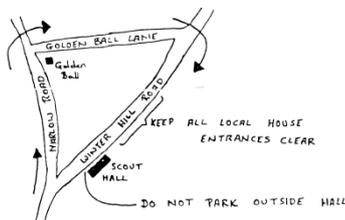
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YOUNGSTERS SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *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*

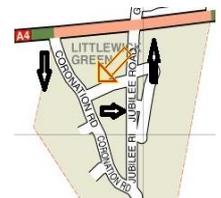
Please Don't park in the drive way of Christmas Cottage or Pond House



LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do not park in Gilchrist Way** as this is strictly reserved for residents.

We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

Thank you for your support in keeping our neighbours Happy.





Pinkneys Green Scout Group



Christmas Trees 2016

Dear Customer

Once again Pinkneys Green Scout Group is offering Christmas Trees to be delivered direct to your door. This is a fund raising project for the Group, run by volunteers and all profits made go directly to the Scout Group. We deliver in the Maidenhead/Cookham/Hurley and Littlewick Green areas.

This year, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change our supplier. As a result of this we are very sorry, but **we are no longer able to offer Fraser trees**. As an alternative, we can offer the Serbian Spruce which has a narrow base, similar to the Fraser. As it is a Spruce it will drop its needles a little, but this can be minimised by placing the tree in a stand containing water. We are still able to supply the Norway Spruce (wide base) and the Nordman Fir (non-drop, wide-based). Delivery will be during **Saturday 3rd December**. Tree sizes are quoted in metres for size range from base to tip of tree. Trees may be any size within the range. If you require any other size not listed below, or have any other query, please telephone and we will do our best to help.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£5.00), we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £10.00. This year we will collect the trees for recycling during **Saturday 7th January**. Please leave the tree visible in your front garden **before 7am** - our drivers start early!

If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form below to Ken Knight, 3 Birdwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5AP along with your payment (cheques made payable to PINKNEYS GREEN SCOUT GROUP). A further change as a result of moving to a new supplier as that **all orders for trees AND recycling must be received by 5pm on Sunday 6th November**. We appreciate that this is three weeks earlier than usual, but our new supplier requires more notice. The trees will be cut within 2 weeks of delivery which is less than commercial suppliers. Please note that cheques will be banked in the **week commencing 8th December**.

We look forward to receiving your order and may we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Ken Knight and Ali Fyffe
PG Scout Group (Tel: 01628 628188)

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1.75-2.0m	£31			1.75-2.0m	£55			1.75-2.0m	£31		
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Please make a note of any additional information on house location overleaf, particularly if you have no house number. Some houses are very difficult to find! Thank you.

Have you made a note of the dates?! Happy Christmas!