



GROUP NEWS

"All face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events must be suspended from Tuesday 17th March 2020"

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, UK Chief Commissioner Tim Kidd has made the decision to order all face-to-face Scouting to be suspended from Tuesday 17th March. The Scout Association is following advice from the Government about stopping the spread of the virus.

PG leaders will be letting their Beavers, Cubs & Scouts know of activities and badge work they can do at home, via emails / facebook

Some Activities members can take part in:



Camp At Home

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Young Leaders can take part in this special event and gain one night towards their Nights Away Badge, for every night they complete a Camp At Home

Northumberland Scouts are organising a month-long Virtual Camp across April, from the 01/04/20-30/04/20.

www.campathome.org.uk

If you take part you need to take a photo of where you are camping every night you do it – send a copy to pgscouts@gmail.com

Take up the challenge and let's keep on; **#VirtuallyCamping**

Here are the "Rules". We're asking you all Young People interested in joining in the fun to:

- Pack a bag
- Build a den at home / pitch a tent in the garden/ hang up a hammock (whatever you can)
- Sleep in your shelter of choice
- Build a 'campfire' (real or virtual)
- Take part in a "Scouty activity"
- Help with cooking a meal

MOST IMPORTANTLY..... Each night you participate share a creative photo, video, blog, etc.

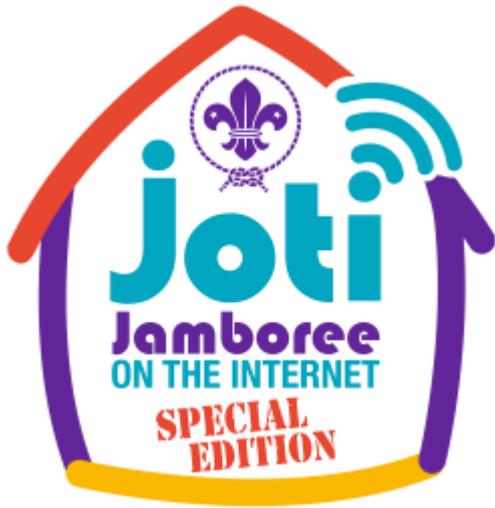
Then share them with your leaders and friends to show that although we can't meet "Face to Face" Scouting doesn't stop!

Each Young Person who takes part will be entitled to 1 Night Away for each night they participate (as long as they aren't sleeping in their bed). Meaning you could get up to an extra 30 Nights Away if you take on the challenge!

Everyone who participates will also get a virtual certificate for joining in, we will also be awarding special virtual certificates for those that manage the full month. Additionally, if you take part on 30/04/20 and we get enough participants you'll be part of setting a world record!

You need to register your interest www.campathome.org.uk/register-individual/

JOTI – Jamboree On The Internet [Special Event](#)



**Connecting young people
Virtually because our impact
never stops! 3-5 April 2020**

The event is organised by the World Scout Organisation.

As all our regular activities have been cancelled. We miss our school. We miss our friends. Our family, friends and community need our help. We can still join forces!

This special edition of the largest digital jamboree will allow you to connect to others, learn new skills, take good care of ourselves and others and build new friendships during this challenging time. We'll foster teamwork and intercultural interaction while enhancing safe social engagement and wellbeing.

This is a one-of-a-kind special edition of JOTI! It is a special version of our yearly JOTA-JOTI event that is still scheduled to take place in October as it does each year.

Both educational and fun, this special JOTI, in April, will bring fun and education to the homes of young people around the world during a challenging time. You can learn about safety measures, mental and physical health and digitally engage as global citizens through a range of different activities. The best part is, you'll make new friends from around the world!

To take part at home in this international event, you need to register "Sign Up" at www.jotajoti.info

There will be lots of activities and secure chat rooms that can be used

Parents please see Staying Safe Online during Event www.jotajoti.info/staying-safe-online-during-joti

If you take part in this year's Event over the weekend 3-5 April sent a photo to pgscouts@gmail.com



#The Great Indoors

The Scout Association have set up a special web site for Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts for activities you can do at home

www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors

They will be adding more activities for the different sections

We know the coming days and weeks are going to be difficult for families across the UK, as the spread of Covid-19 causes schools to close. As the experts in developing skills and bringing adventure to young people, we want to do what we can to help.

While we normally love the great outdoors, we've pulled together some inspired indoor activity ideas (if we do say so ourselves). Keep your kids learning new skills and having fun (and avoid hearing 'I'm bored' every 30 seconds) all in #TheGreatIndoors.

The activities helpful are free - but if you like what you've seen and want to chip in to help the Scout Association keep the activities coming, you can make a donation.

BEAVER NEWS

February was another fun packed month for the Beavers. The Beavers learnt about the solar system and the arrangement of the planets. The new Beavers were also invested we welcome *Freddie Clements, Jack Ewers* and *Jack McNulty*



We had an evening being entertained by the Beavers, run by Simon and the Scouts. We had singing, dancing, jokes and magic.

Despite the wet weather on 9th March, the Beavers went on a Hero Hike dressed up as their favourite superheroes to raise money for Maidenhead Baby Bank, this year's Charity at the district Beaveree. Thank you *Akela* for helping us out!



On Saturday 16th March was the district Beaveree. An afternoon of craft style activities based at Altwood School. This year's theme was medieval, the activities included making swords, making ballista catapults, castles with marshmallows and cocktail sticks, crowns and shields. There was a talk from this year's charity, explaining what the charity does, how they fundraise and how people can help. The Beavers had a fun evening making peppermint creams.

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Towards the end of February *Andy Hunter* visited and very kindly ran a first aid evening, teaching everyone how to tie a sling with a PG scarf and some of the older Cubs how to perform CPR using resusci annie, thank you Andy !!



Soon after we entered the district flag competition, this is the annual event run by Maidenhead Scouts for all Cub Packs in the district. And this year our team won, well done to *Alexander Davison, Elliot Wilkinson, Daisy Stewart, Will Travers, Douglas Stewart* and *William Cook*. This also means we will be carrying the flag at our St Georges day event in Braywick, it would be great to see everyone come along and join the fun.



More recently we've taken part in British Science Week looking at light, the Cubs successfully made a pin hole camera and also created and put on their own shadow puppet production.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

Winter Hill Pack

Since the last report, we have continued to focus on fundamental scouting skills. Cubs learnt about map symbols as well as some basic first aid. Ask them to make a sling out of their neckerchief!

During the February half-term holiday, the scouts ran an exciting Incident Hike for the cubs from Winter Hill and Littlewick Green. The cubs enjoyed taking part in the outdoor challenges and especially enjoyed the hot chocolate at the end! Thank you to *Simon* and the scouts.



We are very pleased that our team came second in the District Flag Competition! The team of *Barney Harris, Alex Woodhead-Pavon, James Almond, Jude Sanders, Bertie Cox* and *Zack Ratnapala* competed against other cubs from Maidenhead with the aim of winning the coveted District Flag. The cubs completed various bases such as knotting, identifying road signs and an amazing obstacle course. Well done to the whole team - great work!



Over the next few weeks, we will be using the stage to complete part of the entertainment badge. We will also be completing the Personal and Home Safety badges and the fitness element of the Skills Challenge Badge.

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We have had a period of meetings out and about recently. First we went on a night hike from North Town Moor to Cookham Moor. The patrols took it in turns to navigate us along a route and, despite the recent rain, it was not too muddy.

The following week we had a visit to Taplow Court Buddhist Centre which is the headquarters of SGI UK. We had a very interesting and relaxing evening being taught about the history of Buddhism, its key philosophies and what it meant to some of the centre's members. Many thanks to the volunteers from the centre who ran an excellent evening.



The week after we went to Bracknell Ski Centre to do snow tubing. It was raining quite a lot and the slope is not covered, so us leaders were wondering if the scouts would still be up for it. We should not have doubted. All of the scouts had a great evening running their tubes (like a big rubber ring) up to the top of the slope before coming down either on their own or in groups. The session flew by and some impressively large groups came down together by the end.



LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)

Winter Hill Troop

Congratulations goes to all the Scouts who took part in the District Cross Country Competition. We WON the Troop Championship Special well done to **Anatole Heitz** on Winning the Individual Junior event and **Matthew Hay** the Individual Senior event. Also to **Lewis Balfe** and **Alex Barnett** whose points helped win the Junior Team event and **Victor Wilson** and **Matthew Alvey** whose points, helped win the senior event. Thank you also to all the parents who helped as marshals

Photos see <https://www.facebook.com/pgscouts/posts/>



Friday nights we had an evening making airfix models, which the Scouts took home to paint.



The pancake evening, was run by **Myles Rankin** as part of his leaders training. The Scouts cooked some excellent pancakes, some of them even managed to toss them. We used the stage for a Karaoke evening, when the Scouts in Patrols sang along to some great songs using the stage. Also we held had a Polish Evening run by Scout **Kyle Dixon**, the Scouts played games and cooked Polish dumplings. This evening counted towards the **Berkshire Scouts Join-in badge**, the troop have only got one element to do to complete the badge

Thank you goes to the Scouts and Young leaders who ran the Beaver meeting for Winter Hill Beavers, using the theme, *we will entertain*. The Beavers told jokes and dancing. The Beavers were split into their lodges and each lodge was taught a song by the Scouts, which they sang at the end of the meeting.

Happy Easter

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)

CINDERELLA

As we go to press, we are all in social isolation, it does not look like we will be putting on this year's pantomime, the stage is up, the costumes have been washed and are hung up ready, the music is ready and we were only 10 days off from the performances.

Can we say a big thank you to all the following cast members *Austin Wilson, Benjamin Broadbent, Edie Neeves, Finn Cochrane, George Clarke, George Lykov, James Almond, Joel Wallace, Jonah Puddephatt, Kyle Dixon, Lilly Waterman, Noah Thomas, Oliver Aerts, Poppy Broadbent, Sam Cranch and Victor Wilson* who put in a lot of time attending rehearsals since January, plus the Young Leaders *Dan Wallace, Ben Almond, Alba Standen, Eloise Pocock and Nick Conacher* who had sorted out a YL number and had some rehearsals. We would also like to thank all the parents, Scouts, Young leaders and leaders who helped put up the stage, sort out the lights and video system costumes and props.

A Special Thank you goes to our new director *Lucy Broadbent* and her assistants *Ali Butler and Teresa Williams*, with *Simon* (Producer) who have attended the rehearsals twice a week.