



## GROUP NEWS

As all face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events are still suspended the sections are organising some virtual scouting for their members to do at home, via zoom meetings, emails and their Facebook pages. We still have no idea when we will be getting back to normal scouting.

Thank you goes to one of our readers who sent us a photo of the Scout Hall, its still there with the grass on the green opposite getting very long.



### Camp At Home – World Record

Northumberland Scouts organised an event which the world record for camping at home was gained on Thursday 30th, this year.

Lots of PG Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders and leaders took part in the event and they joined over 95,000 people from 68 countries during lockdown. **In the largest Scouting event of all time!**

Well done to everyone who took part in [#CampAtHome](https://www.campathome.org/) and helped towards gaining the world record.

### #The Great Indoors

The Scout Association have set up a special web site for Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts for activities you can do at home. The number of activities they have as we go to press is over 200, new ideas are being added every week

[www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors)

There are different activities for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



### The Great Indoors Badge

Anyone over the age of six can have a go at the *Great Indoors Badge*.

The badge is not just about learning new skills, this is about bringing out what is already inside you! The different stages allow you to share what you've learnt and find a way to support your community.

**In Stage 1** you'll learn something new that can teach you something about yourself or the world around you.

**In Stage 2** you'll create a regular routine for yourself, and see how what you have learned can support your community.

**In Stage 3** you'll share what you've learned with someone else that can be used to help make the world a little better.

More Details [www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/the-great-indoors-badge/](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/the-great-indoors-badge/)



## GSLs Report

It was fabulous to so many of you sign on to Zoom to renew your promise on St George's Day and then at 8pm clap for the NHS and Carers. The photos were great.

I would like to thank our leaders for sending out weekly activities for you to do made even better by all of the photos you have been sending too.

Well done to all of those that joined in with Camp@Home. You can still do this, simple rules, you must not sleep in a bed! Camp in the garden or make a den in door. Send in a photo every night you sleep out, let your section leader know.

VE day parties, lovely to see how you all marked the 75th Anniversary.

We all look forward to more photos oh and all the badges you are earning too

Stay safe.

*Erica Hunter* (Group Scout Leader)



During this challenging time when we can't fundraise in person and events have been cancelled, Pinkneys Green Scouts needs your help more than ever. If you're shopping online for anything at all, please remember to go via easyfundraising to raise free donations for us.

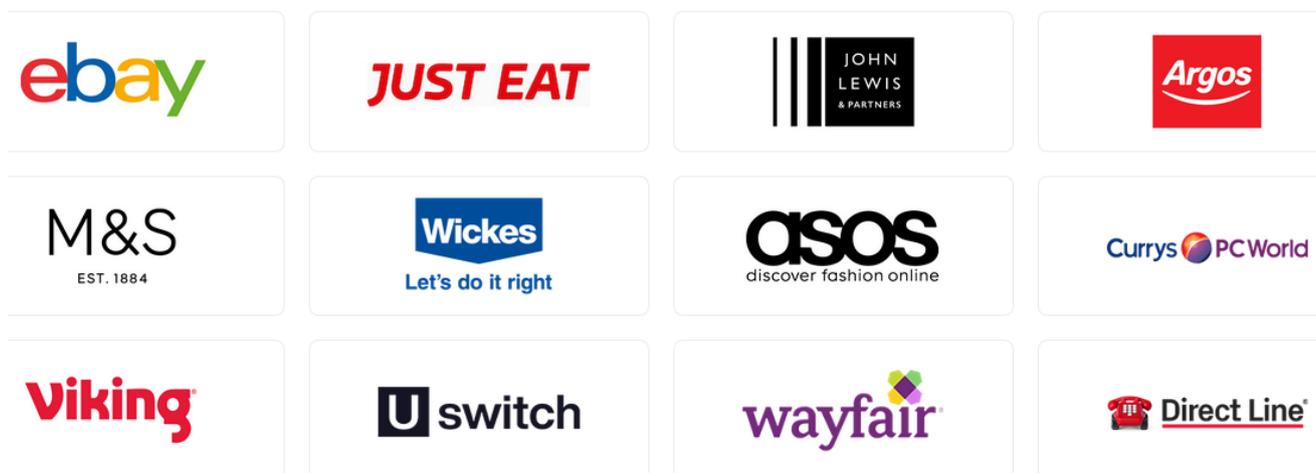
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We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us. Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/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

**Thank you goes to everyone who has used our online shopping page**, this month we received a payment of £16.29 taking the total we have raised going via this site **over £1,400**



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## **PG VE Street Parties**

To celebrate this year's 75 year celebrations for VE Day, some members of PG held a *Stay At Home Street Party*, the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts made decoration helped with the baking and preparing the food



## **BEAVER NEWS**



I hope everyone continues to stay safe and well in these unprecedented times, This month we continue to set the Beavers tasks at home via our Facebook page which can be found by searching Pinkneys Green Beavers on Facebook. This month the beavers celebrated VE Day by making bunting and having tea parties at home. Zoe had a great time with her family.

Also this month the beavers continued their cook badge by making lunch for their families, learning how to be safe and hygienic in the kitchen. Well done everyone who took part. Dexter enjoyed making lunch for his family.



Finally the beavers started their disability badge by learning the beaver promise in Sign language I was really impressed with the beavers who achieved this. Well done everyone.

Keep an eye on your emails or our Facebook page to find all the latest badge work and tasks the beavers can do at home. Stay safe and hopefully see you all soon.

*WH Tictac* (Tom Beynon)

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

We seem to be saying this a lot, but mean it more than ever, we hope you are all well and staying safe.

A lot of Cubs took part in #CampAtHome during April, culminating in a world record attempt, which is really great. The weather is still fantastic and anyone that wants to continue camping at home is encouraged to do so. The basic rules are the same and still count towards our Nights Away badge, just share on our Facebook page and I'll continue to update badges.



- 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

Talking of badges, we're figuring out how to award badges from afar, both at a Pack & Group level, more details will be coming out soon.

Earlier in May we had lots of VE virtual street parties and a wartime recipe baking competition, well done to everyone that took part, we really enjoyed all the photos on Facebook.



We've launched Badges at Home via Online Scout Manager, it allows parents to use the OSM Parent Portal and help Cubs continue Scouting until we can restart normal activities. If there are any specific badges you would like to do via OSM just let me know. And lastly we've also started a summer challenge to "stay at home, grow at home", the idea is find a seed you already have at home, eg from a strawberry, pepper, tomato, etc. and grow it at home during the summer, recording all key events on Facebook.

You might have noticed a theme here..... If you haven't joined our Facebook page yet I would certainly recommend it, although I will continue to send out weekly emails Facebook is proving to be a lot more dynamic.

*LG Akela (Pete Matthews)*

### Winter Hill Pack

We hope that everyone is continuing to stay safe and well.

**The Great Indoors** – a few cubs have been taking place in the ‘Great Indoors’ programme activities. Well done to the cubs who have been in touch – their achievements are shared on our Facebook Page.

**St George's Day - 23rd April** – It was amazing to see all the cubs and other members of the group on Zoom when we renewed our promise. Many of the cubs kept their uniform on for the Clap for Carers and shared their photos on Facebook.

**Nights Away** – Lots of cubs have been sleeping in tents or dens in their gardens. If your cub sleeps somewhere other than his/her bed (tent in the garden, blanket tent in the living room etc) this can count towards their Nights Away badge! Just let me know and I will add it to the badge records. Check out our Facebook page for photos! Lots of cubs also took part in the National Camp at Home event at the end of April.



**Other badge ideas** - cubs can continue to do parts of their badge work at home.

Please just let me know when you have completed something - a photo for the Facebook page would be fantastic! Suggestions: Book Reader, Skills Challenge, Home Help and Artists badges. All cub badge requirements can be found here:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=12,67,776>

Please do keep in touch and contact me if you have any questions or any badges that your cub would like to complete. I will continue posting ideas, resources and links to our Facebook page so please make sure you give us a follow!

*WH Akela (Rob Harris)*

## SCOUT NEWS

### Littlewick Troop

In the absence of our weekly meetings, the Littlewick Green troop have still managed to do some scouting activities. Some of our scouts and myself took part in Camp at Home which has been organised by Northumberland Scouts.

To complete the challenge you had to pack a bag, pitch at tent, do a scout activity, help cook a meal, build a campfire and then sleep overnight in the tent. The closest approximation to the above was acceptable, depending on the available space and resources. Some of us did this on the 25th April when the weather was fantastic. I whiled away an afternoon making a trebuchet out of garden canes and it was fun to see how others were getting on via the troop's Facebook group.

Camp at Home culminated on the 30th April, where it set the record for the largest camp with over 95,000 participants, Fabian being one of them!

On a more positive note, we have some plans for fun things the scouts can do at home. Parents please watch the closed Facebook group.

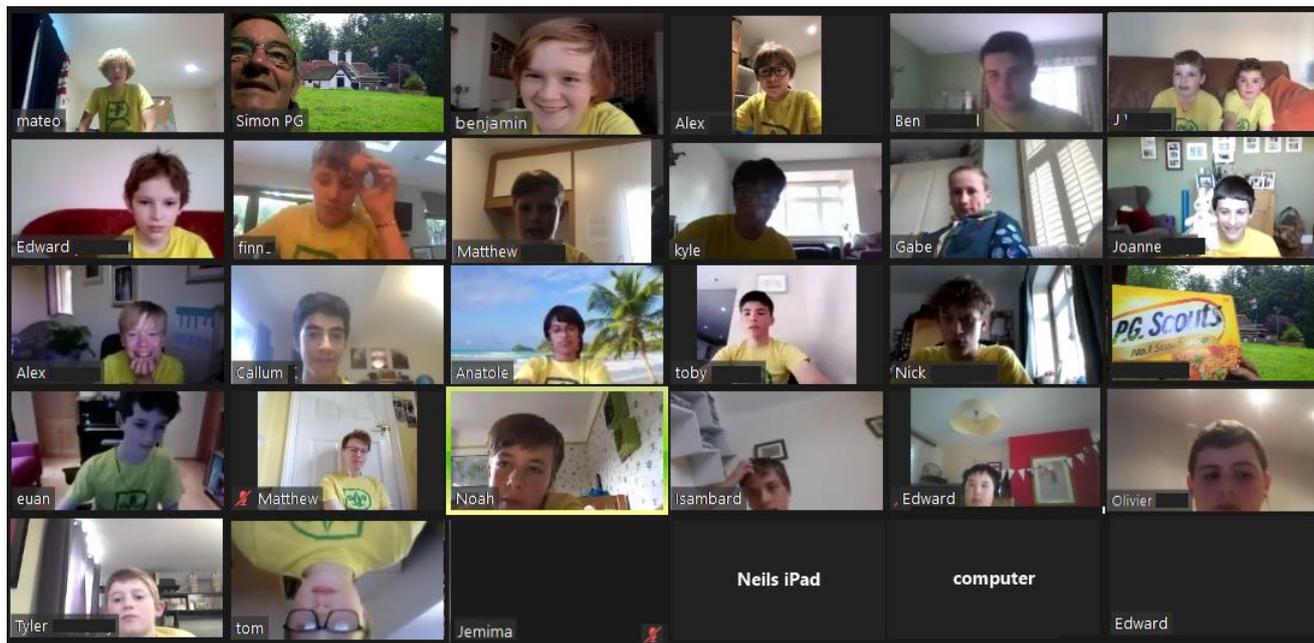


**LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)**

## Winter Hill Troop

We hope everyone is well and staying safe during these strange times.

We have continued to email the Scouts with their weekly Thursday Email with suggestions of what they can do at home. As well as holding weekly Zoom meeting, which have been a challenge keeping everyone busy and involved



The Scouts have also been working on their challenge and activity badges, including cooking at home, some have made virtual meals with their grand parents doing the same meal at their houses, also cooking a muffin in a mug. As well as making decorations for the virtual VE street parties.

Some Scouts have completed their Personal Challenge award and are working towards their Chief Scouts Award.

Scouts have the choice of 60 Activity badges to a lot they can do or start at home:

[members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64,779](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64,779)

Don't forget to send me photos and let me know what you have been doing at home.

*Simon Wheeler* (WH Scout Leader)



## Can You Help Us

We have some items that we would like to digitise



**Old PG Tips** (Printed copies) – they were typed on typewriters before we had computers – has any one got a scanner we can borrow to convert them to PDF, or scan them for us.

**Kodak 35mm Slides** – Before we had digital cameras we used to take photos on slides so we could show them at parent evenings – Does anyone know how to convert them to computer images – do you have a device we can borrow or can you do a few slides for us

We also have some **VHS videos** of the pantomime which we would like to convert to a digital file, can anyone give us advice how to best do this or have a drive to do the conversion or know where we can get it done.

If you can help or have ideas where we can get any of the above done please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

