



## GROUP NEWS

November 2020

### Remembrance Sunday

As traditional commemorations are curtailed by Covid-19 restrictions, we are asking the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, young Leaders and Leaders, in uniform to observe the two-minute silence either on their door steps or by their gate to the road to their homes, at 11am on Sunday November 8. If you do take part, please send us a photo



PG will not be taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services, but the group will be sending a representative to lay a Poppy Wreath at both *St John the Evangelist*, Littlewick Green and at *St James the Less*, Stubbings War Memorials

Date: **Sunday 8th November 2020 – 11.00am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform** and a poppy and get a photo taken



### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Again due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will not be holding this *Fundraising event* this year

### Christmas Trees

Thank you goes to everyone who placed an order for a Christmas Tree, this event is the only fund raising event we have been able to hold in 2020

**Orders had to be in by Saturday 31st October**

### JOTA and JOTI

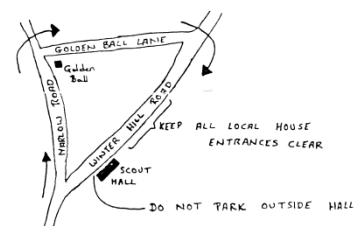
Well done to all the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts who took part in this years **JOTA - Jamboree on the Air** & **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet** this year.

Due to COVID-19 we were unable to hold the event at the Scout Hall, but member had the opportunity to join in from their homes over the weekend Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th October. The event Connect Millions of Young People from over 200 countries, it was organised by the world Scout council wit, including talking to each other via their computers.



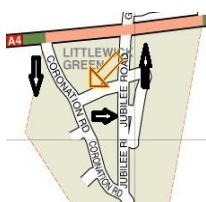
### SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

**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*



Park on the Scout Hall side of the road facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when its dark

Please Don't park in the drive way of Flint Lodge, 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.**

**PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS  
DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS**



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.



Easyfundraising has over 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to yourself, 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 % 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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

**Thank you goes to everyone who has used our online shopping page**, this month we have raised going via this site **over £1,400**



### Used Postage Stamps

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps. Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting.

### UNIFORM

**Can we remind ALL** Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop

For more details <http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop> and map for directions

Please make sure that you know your son's **Chest & waist size**. They will not be able to try them *on due to COVID-19 Regs.*

#### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time  
**7.30pm – 9pm** at 19th Maidenhead Hut  
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)  
[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

The shop will be open every Thursday evening until 10th December Note change opening times. **7.30pm-9.00pm**

Please note the following COVID 19:

- 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 for sale**, contact Peta Almond [pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk) for more details

**Yellow PG Tee Shirts** contact Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160

### Gas Cylinder Storage

We are looking for somewhere to store 14 gas bottles.

If you can help us you require to have a very big garden or own some secure land. The cage needs to be situated 3m from a building. We would require access which would be pre-arranged.

We will provide the cage

Please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) for more details



## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

Littlewick Beavers have been enjoying the last of the evening day light during October they have been learning about Autumn and the seasons. They had a really fun meeting about our Senses and another about the promise and friends.

A very special evening was when all of the Leaders and Beavers were invested. It was a lovely sunny evening and we did this outside

*LG Hawkeye* (Bruni Brar), *LG Rainbow* (Sarah Travers) and *LG Bubbles* (Jeena Brar)



### **Winter Hill Colony**

At long last, the beavers have returned to face to face scouting! They have been split into two groups to help maintain social distancing.

The first two weeks, the beavers sculpted clay models. They decided what theme they wanted to work to and both groups separately decided on an animal theme. They also played some socially distanced games.

The next two weeks, the groups will be going on a night hike that will finish with a hot chocolate at the hut. We have also welcomed the new beavers, whom we hope to invest soon

*WH Tictac* (Tom Beynon)



## **CUB NEWS**



### **Winter Hill Pack**

The cubs have continued to meet the past few weeks up to half-term, finishing our cycle of local walks, tent pitching and firelighting. Firelighting has been a particularly popular activity, cubs have learnt to light their own fires (in some challenging conditions!) and cooked some tasty sausages and s'mores on the leader fire. Our local walk took us to the fields behind the scout hall where we learnt how to navigate in darkness and find our way back.

Coming up, we have pizza making in the hall and an evening of socially distanced 'survival' games planned (dubbed The Hungry Games!) We are still meeting in small groups so will run these activities on rotation until we can all meet in our pack again.

Please remember to always dress appropriately for the weather as we are planning on being outside as much as we can, even when the weather turns cold.

*WH Akela* (Jon Corbitt) *WH Hathi* (Catherine Corbitt)



## Littlewick Pack

During our last two nights outside we hiked in the dark without torches from Maidenhead back to Littlewick Green through the Thicket and across the Bridleways, followed by lashings of hot chocolate.



Our first two nights inside we looked at fire safety in the hall, at home and at camp. With so many public firework displays cancelled this year I expect there'll be lots of private garden events, so we took the opportunity to cover the firework code.

This October Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) went ahead as usual, but checking the amateur bands over the weekend there were unsurprisingly very few stations active. However Jamboree On The Air (JOTI) was very busy, with several Cubs communicating from home with other Cubs & Scouts around the world, well done if you took part.

Remembrance Sunday is nearly upon us, we will have a minimal presence at *St Johns* in Littlewick this year, so we would like all Cubs to join in with the Group initiative to stand outside our front doors in uniform for a two minute silence at 11.00am. Take photos and share in our closed Cubs Facebook page and/or the Group Facebook page, there should be more details elsewhere in this issue of PG Tips.

We've also said goodbye to *Alexander Davison*, *Elliot Wilkinson*, *Ahmet Karapinar* and *Harry Marland*, who are moving up to LG Scouts after half term. You'll be re-joining friends that have already moved up and we hope you'll continue to enjoy your Scouting journey.

As a result we will also be saying goodbye to *Nushka (Wai Marland)* as our section assistant, although *Wai* will still be helping with Group events in the future. A huge thank you to you *Wai* for everything you've done, we'll all miss you !!

We generally only run a parent rota when we have outside activities and need the extra pairs of hands, however if anyone would like to join our (now very small) leadership team on a more regular basis please contact me via phone or email and we can discuss options.

LG Akela (*Pete Matthews*)

## SCOUT NEWS

### Littlewick Troop

The *Littlewick Green* troop continues to meet with restricted numbers. When the weather allows, and fortunately it has most of the time, we have been doing activities on the green opposite the scout hall. Because these need to be able to be completed whilst socially distanced, it has been a rather eclectic mix of things. The scouts have made shiny things to hide out of tin foil and cardboard and then done a treasure hunt with torches to find them. They have pioneered tripods and then played football whilst tethered to them to restrict movement. And we have also done some wide games.

Due to rain, one meeting was held via Zoom. For this each of the scouts had to invent something that would solve the problem of there being too many ants in their garden and then pitch this idea to the group. Most of the solutions were quite gruesome



LG Scout Leader (*Mark Courtier*)



### Winter Hill Troop

We would like to welcome *Will Spinks* and *Austin Wilson* from *Winter Hill* Cubs, who have started their *Moving up* Award with the Troop. They have been attending Scout meetings and will be moving up at the end of October

This month's meetings cooking, Oat pancakes, making Tin lanterns out of bake bean tins, an evening making and cooking pizzas, themed scavenger hunt and various activities and games

Photos on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/pgscouts](http://www.facebook.com/pgscouts)

Due to a few of our Troop Assistant Section leaders, not currently be able to help due to work commitments or living too far away to get back to Maidenhead for Friday evening Scout meetings, we are short of adult leaders to help run our activities especially as we are out of door. **HELP** If anyone is available to help on a Friday evening, you will need to complete some training, please contact me for more information of what is involved [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk)

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)