



GROUP NEWS

August 2021



We will update you with the new Covid regulations that we have to follow when your child's section return in September.

Wishing you all a good Summer Holidays and enjoy the warm weather we are having

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

PG Family Picnic (& AGM)

Chance to get together, after so long

Bring your own food, rugs/chairs!

ALL WELCOME!

When: Sunday 5 September 2021

Time: 2 to 4pm

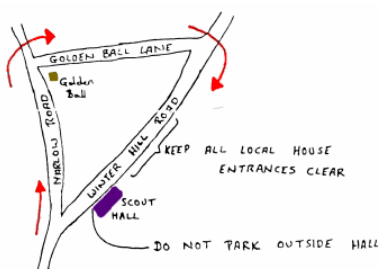
Place: Family Camp Field (opposite Stubbings Nursery), Maidenhead, SL6 6QL.

Field entrance next to Beech School, through wooden 5 bar gate.

Look for PG signs & do NOT park at the nursery!



SAFELY 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 Drive Slowly down Golden Ball Lane below 20mph Speed Limit

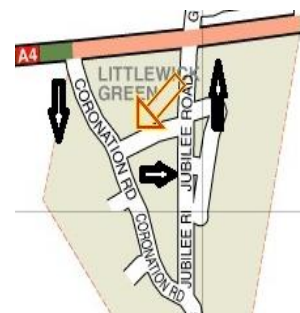
Park on the Scout Hall side of the road facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when its dark.

Don't Park in the drive ways 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**



Old Mobile Phones

Do you have an Old Mobile phone you no longer need.

We are looking for old phones we can use for activities / hikes etc. where we can put a pay as you go sim card in.

Even a very old NOKIA would be great.

If you can help us please let Simon know, email help@pgtips.org.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 £1,424.13

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hil Colony

I can't believe how quickly this term has ended. Over the last few weeks the beavers have been busy as usual. They had an evening identifying trees and leaves to help towards their explore badge.

They also enjoyed a hike which also helped tick some boxes to complete their explore badge and hike staged badge

As always we finished off the term with our campfire. The beavers enjoyed singing some songs, telling some jokes and toasting some marshmallows.

We hope you all have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We've been busy at LG Beavers again. We've had a brilliant summer term, tried new activities, helped the community and consolidated friendships. We ended the term with two fantastic evenings canoeing at Taplow lake and along the Jubilee-thank you to Engage water sports and to our brilliantly behaved Beavers and of course *Dylan* and *Connor* (Young leaders).



Sadly we are saying thank you and farewell to *Hawkeye* and *Bubbles* (Bruni and Jeena Brar) as leaders but a huge Welcome to *Phil Franzen* as new assistant leader. Enjoy the summer everyone and we look forward to getting back together in September. Thank you for a fabulous year.

Rainbow Littlewick (*Sarah Brodie*),

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

An eventful term has drawn to a close and we wish the cub families all the best for the summer break. Over the summer, the cub leaders will meet to plan for the new term. Watch out for updates on our communications group.

To finish this term cubs have been exploring the woods through the classic ‘post man’ wide game, learning how to blend in with natural surroundings on a countryside walk and started work towards the staged swimming badges. Swimming was a huge success and this is something we are looking to book regularly, especially as we move into the darker evenings of the autumn term.

Freddie had this to say about the activities earlier in the term:

Last week we learnt about fires. We were taught how to build, light, and cook with them. The most important thing about building a fire is that it has enough oxygen and fuel from the dry sticks. Green mossy sticks are wetter than the brown sticks which can be found on the footpaths of the woods. The brown sticks burn better as they are dry. When you are cooking with a fire it's important to get it at the right temperature, you can tell this by the colour of the sticks in the fire.

And, Raffa this:

When doing the necessary tasks of Fires, Tents and Trails the whole pack splits into groups of 3 with a cub leader. Then when you are doing fires you go far into the woods and get taught how to light a fire. (you need permission first.) Secondly, you do tents where you get the resources for a tent then pitch up one as a group. Finally, you do trails where you get a sheet of paper with normal tracking signs, go into the woods, split up into 2 groups, both groups make a trail and each group looks at the other groups trail. Overall, these are fun activities and Cubs learn new things doing these.



Akela Winter Hill (*Jon Corbitt*)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

The end of the summer term has been disrupted by more rain than usual but we have persisted in being all outside. We have had meetings shelter building in the woods, practising tent pitching, doing scout sports and a final meeting going stand up paddleboarding at Taplow Lake. All have been good fun and some have also been educational!



In this period we have welcomed Daisy Stewart to the Troop and presented two Chief Scout's Gold Awards to *Connor Wilcock* and *Dylan Williams-Lock*. Well done to them both. The Chief Scout's Gold Award is a big achievement in normal times, but even more difficult to achieve with the pandemic restrictions in place for the last four terms of scouting. A final congratulations go to our leader *Sam Gibbins* who was presented her Wood Badge for completing her leader training.

Thanks to all the leaders who have assisted me this term. And I hope those of our scouts who are joining the Winter Hill Troop's summer camp have/had a great time. Our meetings will restart on the 6th September.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

The end of the summer term has been busy We had an evening building bivvies', which were tested to see if they were waterproof as well getting ready for Summer camp.



New Scouts - We would like to welcome *Sidney Farrell* and his family to the Troop. He made his promises and been invested as Scouts.

Summer Holidays - As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.45pm - 9.00pm -. Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday – for any changes.

SUMMER CAMP - 24 Members of Winter Hill Troop, plus 6 Littlewick are currently camping in Oxfordshire, the government regulations restricted us to only take 30 scouts away and follow Covid rules. We had four weeks to organise this years camp and will be away for ten days. So far the weather is very fairly warm, but thunder storms are forecast.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include rafting, shooting, archery, climbing, hiking and swimming pool as well as activities on site and the normal PG camping activities.

Special Thank you goes to the leaders who managed to get time off work and to the parents who have helped us get away.

Photos are being updated while the Scouts are at camp, on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk Full report in Septembers PG Tips.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)