



GROUP NEWS

July 2021



Summer Term all Sections are continuing to hold Face to Face section meeting. As the regulations did not change on 21st June, we still have to follow the government regulations, with social distancing, plus Scouts, Young leaders and leaders having to wear face covering under certain conditions, including going inside the halls.

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

A copy the *Pinkneys Green Scout Group COVID-19 Policy and Response*. Is on PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/Covid.docx

District Scout Shop

The last week the District Scout Shop is open is Thursday 8 July 7.30pm-9.00pm. It will reopen in September, once the schools are back

Map and details <https://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/>

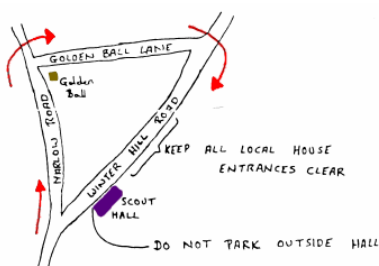
We do have some second hand uniform available, for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. For more details contact Peta Almond pugsubs@hotmail.co.uk

World Jamboree on the Air & Internet

We hope to be able to take part in this years JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) at the Scout Hall this year over the weekend October 15-17 2021 and be able to talk to Scouts all around the world via Amateur radio and the internet.



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

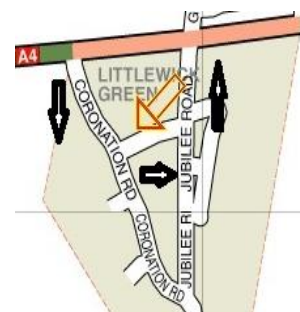
Please drive Slowly down Golden Ball Lane below 20mph Speed Limit

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**

Half Term – Litter Clearing

During half term the Scouts ran the Cub meeting. Where the Cubs and Scouts did a litter sweep of the green and woods opposite the Scout hall.

They managed to collect 8 bags of rubbish. Thank you goes to everyone who helped collect the rubbish and the parents who took the bags home.

The evening finished off with some social distance games in the woods



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 £1,422.84

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

The beavers have had a busy month as usual. They had a meeting indoors due to the rain. They planted some cress and talked about their lockdown hero(s) They've also enjoyed several meetings outside. The beavers had an evening of fire lighting and cooking sausages in the woods which was thoroughly enjoyed. During the hot weather we had an evening of water games. They played a game where they had to keep a



paper towel dry whilst having water sprayed at them. The evening finished with a water fight and as you can imagine, the beavers really enjoyed getting wet.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We have been busy over at Littlewick Green Beavers again. We really love having our Young Leaders (Dylan and Connor) and our pack of now 20 Beavers love the games they plan and run.

We were delighted to invest 10 (and one more on this coming Monday) new Beavers last week and we are also very excited to welcome our new Section Assistant -Phil Franzen onto our team.

Next week we are planning some cycling around the green (so look out Littlewick Green residents) and I'm sure there could be some more Euro style games!



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie),

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

Just before half term, we took a road safety walk and started to make a dent in the long list of cubs to invest.



Here's Alfie B's report on the Road Safety walk:

We met at St Mary's School where we were given a check list on a clipboard about road safety and different types of crossings.

We were put into groups with a leader and set off on our walk. On the way our leader helped us answer questions about road safety.

We learned lots of things including how to cross roads safely by looking left and right. My favourite part was learning about level crossings.

The new term has kicked off with a summer rotation of Backwoods cooking and fire lighting in the woods, tent pitching on the green and trails through the countryside. Thankfully, the sun has finally put its hat on and come out to play. Long may that last after a wet spring term!

We were hoping to be announcing the plan to return to a normal programme for September but will hold off just one more month!

Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We have had a busy month, continuing our all outdoors meeting, most of which have been very pleasant. Although we did also do an fire lighting evening in the rain (just about successfully).

We had a very successful meeting doing challenges taken from the TV show Taskmaster. These included acting out nursery rhymes, moving a bag of flour over an obstacle course as a team, Chinese whispers in drawing form and a who can inflate the biggest balloon without it popping competition. Thanks to Peter Marshall for picking the challenges and organising.

We have also had a meeting covering disability awareness and some of the scouts helped with the cub meeting during half term where we cleared rubbish from the woods and then played some games (thank you to *Simon* for organising the latter).



Our latest meeting was a cycle trip along the cycle path next to the Jubilee River. It was a bit drizzly but we made the most of it, starting at the Maidenhead end and heading towards Eton. At the halfway point of the meeting we did a U turn and headed back to where we started. We split into two groups and both groups made it most of the way to Eton which was very good progress. Thanks to *Ben Almond* for organising this meeting and *Charlie Almond* for being an extra pair of hands.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

Scouts have been preparing for camp, with the older ones teaching the younger Scouts to pitch Patrol tents correctly, which was quite a challenge in the long grass.

On Friday evening the scouts went out on a hike, after we had some very heavy rain (nearly all day). The Scouts had to wade through flooded fields & roads some had 15 centimeters of water and when we crossed the main green all the footpaths had disappeared under the flattened long grass.

One groups hike took them past the memorial in Carpenters wood, for a Halifax Bomber that crashed there during World War two <https://maidenheadinpictures.com/2019/02/14/raf-memorial-carpenters-woods/>



2021 Summer Camp. The Government have changed the rules we are allowed to hold a camp this year and will be going off at the end of July to a 44 acre field in South Oxfordshire.

All Scouts should have received a letter about camp and need to reply by 26 June.

HELP Camp Booklet – We are looking for help photocopying camp booklet – 44 pages (double sided 22 sheets) – if any can do 5 to 44 copies please email Simon help@pgtips.org.uk – required for 12 July !

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)