



## GROUP NEWS

October 2021



All Sections are holding meetings, currently the both Scout Troops are holding their meetings outside.

Due to the size of the Winter Hill Scout Hall and ventilation, it has been decided that we will not be holding Jumble Sales or Christmas Fair this year.



## CHRISTMAS TREES 2021

### We are taking orders

Order Form on PG Web Site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

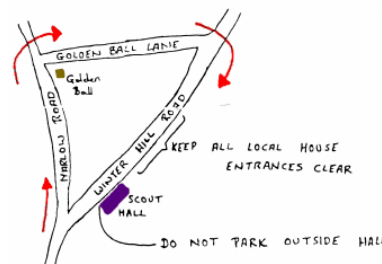
Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green/  
Cookham / Hurley areas

Orders by 5pm **Sunday 31st October**  
for delivery on Saturday 4th December 2021



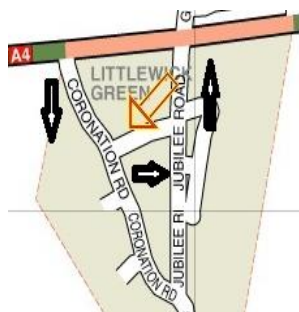
## SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

**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 the 20mph Speed Limit**

Park on the Scout Hall side of the road facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when it's 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.

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

## Golden Ball Lane – Road Closure

For safety of the youngsters using our Scout Hall, dropping off and collecting, can we ask all parents and supports of PG to complete a very short survey objecting to the road closure of Golden Ball Lane.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N776TWN>

This needs to be completed by Sunday 24 October. For more details please see council's web Site

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/golden-ball-lane-experimental-traffic-order-prohibition-motor-vehicles>

## .Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Alex Robins, assistant Scout leader and Clare Bandy, assistant Cub leader 73 Reading (Park) on their marriage

Everyone at PG wishes them every happiness, for the future.



### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time  
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut  
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

## 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..**

The shop will be open every Thursday evening up to and including 9th December with the exception of 28th October (Half Term). **7pm-8.30pm** and second Saturday of month, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December – **10am – 12noon**

**We do have some second hand uniform for sale,**

For **Yellow PG Tee Shirts** please contact **Raksha** (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160 or at WH Beavers & Cubs

## PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop,**

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, Usutch, 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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

## Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 6 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 6 they can join.

We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late. If in doubt please check and ask. For Winter Hill and Littlewick Beavers, email *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com) with your child's name and date of birth

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## Amazon Smile

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If you order on Amazon we are now registered on Amazon Smile and we will receive 0.5% of the net purchase.

You need to do the following

Enter [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and log in to your Amazon account

**Search for** "Pinkneys Green Scout Group" as your charity

Every time you go to Amazon you always have to go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) to support Pinkneys Green Scout Group. **Amazon will then donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to us**

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## BEAVER NEWS

### Winter Hill Colony

We have enjoyed the return of Beavers with a getting to know you games night to welcome the new Beavers. We played several games and got the parachute out on the green.

We had a cooking night where the Beavers made armpit fudge! It's not as bad as it sounds! They mix all the ingredients in a ziplock bag using their armpit to mash it up. They really enjoyed it. We welcome the following Beavers to Pinkneys Green: Edgar, Finn, James Astri, Peter and Bhadra. We all hope they enjoy their time with us.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)



### Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been very active recently. We enjoyed an evening hike down to the moving aeroplane memorial in Carpenter's woods last week. Well done Beavers.

And this week, kindly Akela came to instruct the Beavers how to pitch a traditional tent. Some serious knot practicing was led by Malak and a lot of strawberry laces!

We are currently welcoming some new Beavers as excitingly four of our older Beavers have moved up to Cubs. Have fun Jasmey, William, Jamie and Beatrice.



*Rainbow Littlewick* (Sarah Brodie),



## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

At the time of writing, we've started the new term, kicking off with the basics - an introduction to Cub Meetings. Here's a bit of information about what an 'ordinary' cub meeting looks like...

Cubs arrive and usually play a join in game until the register is taken, then Akela or another leader calls 'Pack Pack Pack' to begin the opening ceremony. Every meeting opens with The Grand Howl: a ceremony inspired by The



Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. In the book, a wolf pack's meetings begin with everyone circling their leader Akela (pronounces ahh-kay-lah) and howling – this is their Grand Howl. In Cubs, the Grand Howl gathers everyone together and helps them focus. By talking about 'doing your best', it also helps everyone remember their Promise.

Every week, the cubs are inspected in their Sixes (the groups the cubs are split into). Throughout the cub meeting, the cubs get the opportunity to gain 'points' towards winning the termly Pack Trophy Award and inspections are the first opportunity in the meeting to gain some points. All cubs are expected to attend in uniform including a white handkerchief in their pocket.

Once the duty Sixers (the leader of the groups of cubs known as Sixes) breaks the flag, the pack salut and the meeting commences. The main games and activities are usually linked to progression through the badge programme.

At the end of the meeting, there's usually a game to finish and the closing ceremony follows a similar routine to the opening ceremony, with the lowering of the union flag being at the end.

The term ahead is packed and we're pleased to be getting back to some normality.

**Akela Winter Hill** (*Jon Corbitt*)

## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **Littlewick Troop**

We restarted meetings after a summer break on the 6th September.

We have continued meeting all outdoors and fortunately the weather has been fantastic. For our first meeting back we went down to the woods and did some firefighting. The scouts split into groups to make some small fires, then one was enlarged so we could cook marshmallows on it.

Our next meeting we did some simple pioneering on the green, with the focus being on learning or revising the key knots. We build some ladders but the aim is to build some more ambitious structures later in the term.

For our most recent meeting we had an evening of widegames on the green. Accidentally there was a bit of a law and order theme with the "police" having to handle both escaped prisoners and smuggling.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (*Mark Courtier*)

### **Winter Hill Troop**

Last month has been very busy, we had an evening where the Scouts took part in some challenging team games in the woods. We have also had an evening where the Scouts lit some good fires, before they did some excellent cooking. The advantage of having fires it kept the mossies' away.

Another week we had a taskmaster evening on the green, where the Scouts in teams had to complete challenges.

The Scouts in teams had a pioneering evening where they built balusters (catapults) and had to see how far they could catapult an object.



We are going to Maidenhead Drama Guilds pantomime *Treasurer Island* on 9 December, *Rob Harris* (ex Winter Hill Akela ) is the dame. Tickets are £9, any Scout who wishes to go please contact Simon for details

**Scout Leader Winter Hill** (*Simon Wheeler*)