



September 2020

GROUP NEWS

The Government and Scout Association Rules are allowing us to be able to do some face to face activities outside in small group with social distancing. All young people in all sections must continue to social distance, 2 meters from each other and from adult volunteers, **at all times.**

The Scout Association is working with the National Youth Agency, who are talking with the government to sort out what we will be able to do during COVID-19 Pandemic and how it can be done safely.

Leaders in each section, will be organising meeting, some will be virtual scouting for their members to do at home, via zoom meetings, emails and their Facebook pages. Plus when sections have enough leaders are available, they will start face to face activities outside.

Thank you goes to *James* who sent us a photo of the Scout Hall, which shows the flag flying.



PG Scout Group Virtual Afternoon Tea & AGM



We are holding a Virtual Afternoon Tea, plus our AGM, for all members of PG and their families to take part in.

Sunday 20th September 2020
3 - 5pm

Competition for best presented afternoon tea, there will also be some activities for young people to take part in.

Details of the Zoom meeting will be sent out by your child's leaders.

We are looking for parents to join our active Parent Support Committee, to help with the running of our Scout Group. If you would like more information or to get involved, talk to your child's leader or contact the Parents Support Chair *Natasha Medhurst* natasha_medhurst@yahoo.co.uk.

PG Leader Changes

Winter Hill Cubs, *Rob Harris* (WH Akela) is taking on a new role as Maidenhead Scouts District Commissioner. Rob has been a leader at PG for over 26 years, 18 as WH Akela, we wish *Rob* good luck in his new Role. *Catherine Corbitt* (Hathi) and *Jon Corbitt* (WH Akela) are taking on the joint role as Winter Hill Cub Section leaders, *Catherine* and *Jon* have both held roles at PG for over 15 years.

Littlewick Beaver - We would like to welcome to PG, *Bruni Brar* (Hawkeye), *Jeena Brar* (Bubbles) and *Sarah Travers* (Rainbow) who are taking on joint roles as Beaver Section Leaders at recently reopened Littlewick Beaver Colony.

Littlewick Scouts – We like to thank *Michael Crown* (Section Leader) and *Kim-Marie Crown* (Assistant Section Leader) for helping to run the troop for the past 4 years. *Mark Courtier* is taking on the role as Section leader, with assistance from *Peter Marshall* (Scout Sectional assistant).



Berkshire Scouts @home challenge

Challenges for those Scouts who want to complete whilst Scouting at home. This has been developed the 'Berkshire Scouts @home challenge', open to all members of Scouting in Berkshire. The challenge can be completed as a section, as a Group, or by individual members, but the main aim is to have fun and give leaders and young people new ideas to try.

The challenge has been adapted to suit Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and to complete it, They should complete an activity from each of the six challenge areas:

1. Helping Others
2. Nights Away
3. International Scouting
4. Youth Shaped Scouting
5. Learning New Skills
6. The Scouting Family



More details <https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/scouthome/>

BEAVER NEWS



Winter Hill Colony

The Beavers have had a bit of a rest over the summer holiday. We have been continuing to set tasks via email and the Facebook page - hopefully lots of the Beavers are growing things at home!

We had one Zoom meeting when the Beavers cooked a pizza in a mug! The Beavers who logged in were all surprised at how tasty the pizza was!

We are looking forward to the new term and hope to see you all soon! Keep an eye out for news on how that might happen!

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have continued through August with Zoom meetings. On Monday 24th August we had our first face to face meeting. We met a Winter Hill so we could light fires in the woods. We have 4 Beavers, *Beatrice, Jasmey, Jamie* and *Raphael*. We hadn't met *Raphael* before as he joined us while we were on Zoom. Benny from WH Beavers came and told us all about wood and how to light a fire. We then toasted Marsh Mallows on the fire which was really good.

We will be meeting every week now in reduced numbers and are hoping that TSA will give new guidance so we can move inside soon before it gets dark in the evenings.



Hawkeye and Bubbles with Jasmey and her sister Jaya.



Rainbow with Beatrice, also Jamie and Raphael, with Benny watching.

GSL (Erica Hunter)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

It has been great to see many of the cubs over the summer! We have built so many shelters in the woods and have enjoyed finding out about everyone's Lockdown experiences. Apologies if you haven't been able to join us but we have been limited with numbers and it has been a bit of a task to sort the groups every week! Hopefully, everyone was given an opportunity to join us.

The good news is that the restrictions look set to change next week (fingers crossed). It looks as if we will be able to meet larger groups of cubs indoors - look out for more information when it comes!

I wanted to let you know that I am changing my role in scouting and will no longer be Akela at Pinkneys Green. I am taking on the role of District Commissioner in Maidenhead which is an exciting opportunity to shape and grow scouting in Maidenhead. I will still be part of Group activities and will definitely not be able to keep away from PG! I am really pleased that *Jon* and *Catherine Corbitt* will be taking over from me. They are both experienced leaders and have been involved with our Group for many years. *Jon* will be known as Akela and *Catherine* is Hathi.



Under normal circumstances, we would have been at Cub Camp over the weekend of 4/5/6 September. We thought it would be a great idea to have another **virtual** camp! We encourage everyone to have a night under canvas in your back garden! It could also be a night in a den or a space in the house which is not your normal bed! Every cub that takes part in the sleepover will achieve another tick towards their 'nights away' badges! Email us your photos or post them on our private Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack



We've been awarding badges during lockdown, with *Daisy, Arthur & Florence Rooke* the first to earn badges by uploading photos and other evidence to "Badges At Home" via Online Scout Manager, this is a great way to take part in activities that we wouldn't always be able to run during a meeting.

Also during lockdown, Elliot Wilkinson undertook some amazing fundraising activities. Inspired by *Colonel Tom*, Elliot ran a marathon in a week and raised over £7000 (on and offline) for Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, a cause very close to

Elliot's heart. Then, Global Media offered to support Alexander Devine as part of their "Global's Make Some Noise" charity and Elliot took on another challenge of cycling 132km over 5 mornings (1km for each child supported by the hospice), during which *Elliot* was interviewed live by *Jamie Theakston*. What an amazing achievement (and definitely earns a Personal Challenge badge), we're very proud of you *Elliot* !!!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elliott-wilkinson>



Scouting is currently at Amber readiness level, allowing some limited outside activities. We've made the most of the opportunity to get outside (when there haven't been storm weather warnings) and run two meetings at Winter Hill.

We learnt how to use Ferro rods to light a campfire and cooked extra-large marshmallows using suitably long sticks to maintain social distancing. Having proved we can have fun with current restrictions we will continue to organise activities for small groups until the readiness level changes and we can slowly move back to more normal Scouting.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop



We trialled two face to face scout meetings at the beginning of August with some socially distanced firelighting in the woods. Fortunately that was the hot bit of August so we had two pleasant evenings. Each scout was given a box of matches and one sheet of newspaper and then they spread out to build fires that were at least two metres apart. Previous firelighting experience varied but the large majority made a successful fire, even those who were new to boxes of matches.

Thank you to the scouts for adapting well to the new social distancing and hygiene rules.

We will continue to do face to face meetings when possible during the Autumn term.

LG Scout Leader (Mark Courtier)

Winter Hill Troop

We have continued to run our virtual Troop meetings, with Scouts completing challenges and badges at home. Any Scouts who have gained badges should have received them in the post.

This month's zoom meetings have included various games and activities. The Scouts have had various evenings including: Cooking Neapolitan fudge and apple crumble in a mug, Google map treasure hunt, various quiz's including five different types logo and putting items in correct order. On the hottest day of the year we cooking donuts.

Photos on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pgscouts



So far we have held over 21 zoom meetings, with 27 different Scouts taking part in them. We hope to go back to face to face meetings in October when we have qualified leaders available (due to work and personal commitments they are not available till then) to run our meeting. We will have to split the Troop, as numbers of Scouts taking part will be restricted, Scouts will be on a rota which weeks they can attend.

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

WH Scout Leader (Simon Wheeler)

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping has change to *easyfunding*.

We need your support; it is quite simple to access our online web shop, enter the address:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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, 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 % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us

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