



GROUP NEWS

June 2021

Summer Term all Sections are continuing to hold Face to Face section meeting. We hope the situation will change on 21st June, when the government hope to move on to the next stage.

Currently we 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

As well as being open on Thursday evenings, **7.30pm-9.00pm** term time, the Shop will also be open on second Saturday of the month **10am-12noon** (12 June & 10 July)

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



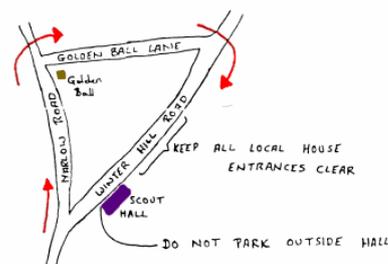
Please note the following Covid 19 mitigations:

- 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

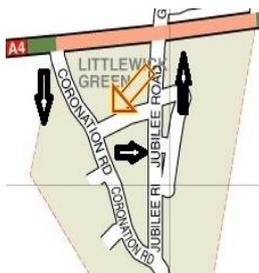
We do have some second hand uniform available, for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. For more details contact *Peta Almond* pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk

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



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**

2021 Group Events

Due to the current Covid situation, the Groups Executive committee have decided that we won't be holding any fundraising events this year. So there will not be a **Summer Fair** in June, **Jumble Sale** in September or a **Christmas Fair**.

We will be selling **Christmas Trees** – order details will be available in October

We hope we will be able to hold our normal fundraising events in 2022



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

As we continue face to face scouting, the beavers have enjoyed more outdoor meetings. They completed a nature hunt. The beavers explored the woods hunting for various bugs and insects. They had to record their findings and write about the features of the creatures they found. Afterwards we invested the new Beavers. (10 in total!)

Congratulations to all.



The beavers have also enjoyed a woodland walk and play on the swings in the woods near the thicket. They then learnt how to tie a reef knot to help complete the "my outdoor" challenge badge so the beavers swimming up to Cubs can achieve their bronze awards. We look forward to more outdoor meetings over the coming weeks. Including tent pitching and fire lighting.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We have been delighted to now see our hardened 'zoomers' face to face but also pleased to have been joined by original Beavers as well as lots of fabulous new faces. This friendly, growing little pack is also being supported by our two young leaders (Connor and Dylan) who are doing a fantastic job. We have been enjoying great games on the green and experienced our first hike of the year last week too.

Even the weather has been kind to us over at Littlewick Green



We arranged a trip to the BCA (British College of Agriculture) on the 17th May to go round the zoo which is home to over 100 species and the beavers had their own guided tour. The turnout was great and we had some parents come along to help supervise.

They all loved the otters, Porcupine, meerkats and common squirrel monkeys, but I think visiting the exotic house and holding some of the species was everyone's favourite part.

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie), **Hawkeye Littlewick** (Bruni Brar)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

It's great to be back! We've kicked the term of face to face cub scouting off with knots, pioneering, a dodgeball tournament and connecting with nature by learning about trees and plants in the local area.

Here's what the cubs have to say:

Reuben C: It was great to back to Cubs properly for the first time in months. Zoom sessions were fun but in person Cubs was much better. We learnt about different sorts of knots and how to tie them. We were also told what they were used for. The leaders helped us to practice them. We started and finished the evening with really fun games. We all had a great time.

William G: We learned about different knots, including square knots which can be used to tie 2 knots together or tie of one rope and the Clove hitch knot which is quick to tie and loosen. We also played a game where we ran to the leader and they checked the knot, then if it was right you would have to go to the other side of the pole. Once all your six got across you win.

Henry K: At Cubs we went to the woods and looked to see what the different leaves were, we found beech, birch, holly, sycamore and oak leaves. After that we explored another woods where we had lots of fun running around, we then walked back in the rain to be picked up by our parents.

Looking ahead, we've got 20 cubs to invest in the coming weeks - that's quite a lot!



Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We continue our meetings outdoors. We had a meeting fire lighting in the woods. The scouts split into groups and each group made a fire with just matches. This was at the end of a spell of dry weather so all of the groups achieved this quite easily. Normally it is a challenge to find dry enough kindling.

Our first meeting in May was a compass exercise on the green. Each scout had to follow a route through a grid of markings in a similar way to an orienteering course. We had previously attempted this activity in November when it was dark and that was very difficult. In the nice light evenings we have been enjoying, this exercise was a lot more achievable!



Our most recent meeting was a hike from the hall. We did a loop through Park Wood, Cookham Dean Common and Hindhay Farm. It was looking a rainy evening but it cleared as we left and became very nice with a bonus rainbow. The bluebells were out in the woods too, making it a very picturesque meeting.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We would like to welcome four new Scouts and their families to the Troop. *Noah Lee, Jonah Puddephatt, Jude Sanders and Sam Wicks* made their Scout promise and were invested as Scouts.

We were very impressed with the Scouts two Fridays where the weather was not very good they manage to light fires and do some cooking. We did have an evening to show the correct way to light a fire.



2021 Summer Camp. We are still hoping that we will be able to take the Scouts away this summer for our annual camp this Summer. This will depend on the Scout Association & Government rules. We hope to know by 21st June.

If we are allowed to go away it will be at the beginning of the RBWM school holidays between Thursday 22nd July and Saturday 31st July, as junior schools don't finish until 21st July. As soon as we have received more information I will update Scouts and parents.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)