



GROUP NEWS

November 2016

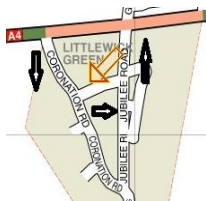
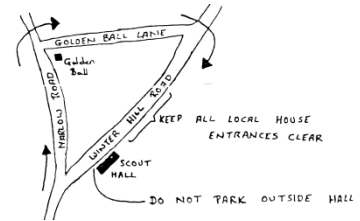
**PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS
AND
DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS.**

The WHITE lines are painted for a reason.

SAFTEY 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 Don't park in the drive way 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.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service at our parish church **St James Less** at Stubblings. We hope that, as many members of PG (Littlewick & Winter Hill) and their families will be able to attend this service. The service will be prepared so that all ages can participate and remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 13th November 2016 – 10.35am**

PG Members don't forget to wear, **Full Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform**



CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for help from all Parents, friends and members of PG Littlewick & Winter Hill, with our annual Christmas Fair, which is one of our *major Fundraising events of the year*. We cannot run the fair without the Support of Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents.

Date: **Sunday 4th December 2016, 12noon-3pm** at the Scout Hall



We are looking for donations for the Cubs Bathroom Stall, the Scouts Tombola Stall and the Cake stall. Please send any items you can spare along to your child's meeting.

We also are looking for donations of full bottles of wine for Water to Wine stall

Also can anyone contribute new games/activities/stalls that we could include.

The money raised goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair on 4th December as well.

Offers of help please email fair@pgscouts.org.uk

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/> and "Pinkneys green Scouts" as the cause

Short URL straight to page <http://www.goo.gl/IFFPVh>

If you go via this web site to your normal online shopping site PG are given a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you. We have raised over £1,300 from supporters of PG who have done this.

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Thank you!



JOTI / JOTA

If you had passed the Scout hall the third weekend in October you would have seen a large aerial on the Green. PG took part in **JOTA** – *Jamboree on the Air*, where they talked to Scouts all round the world. Special thanks goes to *Bill Somerville* for supply the equipment and organising the event and manning the station, with help from Steve and Denise. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. Our call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank *Phill Bristow* for supplying the mast. Plus Maidenhead Scout Active Support members, *Jane Taylor, Gill Hill, Dorothy Chesterman, Bob Parker & John Stevens* for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Also thanks to Beaver Leaders *Teresa Williams* for coming along. Over weekend 45 badges were gained.

We also took part in **JOTI** – *Jamboree on the Internet*, it was the eighteenth year that we had taken part in this event. A thanks goes to everyone who supplied the equipment, especially to

Alex Robins for sorting out the Computers and *Michael Crown & Myles Rankin* who helped over the weekend. We had over thirty computers networked. We made contact with lots of countries

The Scouts and *Simon* and the above troop leaders manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired people on Sunday.

Printing Pantomime Script

We also are looking for help with photocopying the PG pantomime *Dick Whittington*, Script, its approx. 60 pages. For more details, please contact *Simon*

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2017.

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins on a Thursday or Friday before 6pm (Time to suit) please email our cleaning coordinator **Pauline** cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator or talk to a parent who has already done it.

Thank you goes to the twenty-seven parents who have (or will) cleaned the hall this year



Used Postage Stamps

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps. Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting.

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that you child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time.

For more details <http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop>

We do have some second hand uniform, please contact *Peta Almond* email: pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk

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BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

As usual the Beavers have had a very busy few weeks!! We even celebrated 30 years of Beavers this month! The highlight for the Beavers was a visit from a Special Constable from Thames Valley Police who talked to them about 'Stranger Danger' and how to stay safe. The Beavers also had a fantastic time hiking from the Hall to Dr Flew's house, who was kind enough to provide them with hot chocolate when they got there!



The Beavers also had an exciting night learning how to do new things on computers, and a few even made it up to JOTA & JOTI at the weekend to talk on the radio to people all over the world! This week the Beavers will be building cardboard forts in the hall. Which lodge will build the biggest....?

We would also like to welcome a new Beavers, *Harry Baggle* to PG. The following new Beavers have made their promises and been invested as members of Winter Hill colony, *James Balfe, Noah Lee, Cameron Mullin-Brown, George Randal, Owen Lattimer* and *Ethan Shaffrey*. We have also said good bye to *Noah Smart* who has completed his moving up award and swam up to cubs.

Please remember **Beavers need to wear full uniform at group events**, including beaver blue jumper and navy trousers or shorts.

Now that as it gets darker in the evenings, please be careful coming down Winter Hill with your beavers as it is a very busy road. Please **DO NOT** block the neighbours entrances, or **PARK ON THE WHITE LINES**

WH Beaver leaders team

Littlewick Colony

Last month we invested three new beavers, *Hannah Peck*, *Josiah Vann* and *Yajat Gehlot*, and welcomed them to our colony. We also said a fond farewell to *Daisy Davidson*, *Jaime Metcalfe* and *Jakub Barradell-Pither* who swam up to Cubs, we wish them good luck and hope to see them return as young leaders in the future.

At our meetings we've had a fun, yet soggy evening den building in Bisham woods, the four dens made would have impressed Chief Scout, *Bear Grylls*.



An evening of science making lava lamps saw the Beavers achieve their experimental badges.

At our disability awareness night we learnt ways of staying independent whilst facing a disability. We had a visit from *Selwyn* the trainee puppy from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf with his humans *Peter* and *Sharon* who explained the role of hearing dogs and some of the training techniques. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB), sent us information about how Braille helps partially sighted and blind people to enjoy learning and reading. We wrote our names in Braille and raised £40 for both charities.

Space night took us outside, we looked-at and sewed the constellations seen in the October sky and we also created rockets that flew up to 20' high. Well done beavers!

Beavers relies on volunteers to help create a fun and safe environment for the children to play and learn and we are always looking for more leaders to help at meetings.

We also have a parents rota so you can sign up to attend a meeting, please do speak to *Karen* (parents rota organiser), or leaders *Emma* (Hawkeye), *Tara* (Wren), *Maureen* (Willow) or *Ali* (Keo) if you are able to help.

Littlewick Green PG Leaders team

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CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

We have had a busy few weeks since the last edition of PG Tips. We have enjoyed awarding the many activity and progressive badges that the cubs earned at cub camp – plenty of sewing to be done!

This month, we invested *Noah Smart* and into cubs after swimming up from Beavers and *Lewis Balfe* who joins us from outside the Group. We welcome the boys and their families to the cub section. We said goodbye to *Oscar Bennett* and *Ben Jones*, who have been invested into scouts. We wish them well and look forward to seeing their scouting careers develop further in the future.

A few cubs attended the Harvest Festival service at Stubbings Church this month, thank you for attending and representing the pack.

At our weekly meetings, we have played with conkers, mini pioneering with cocktail sticks and marshmallows, made Christmas cards for *Theresa May* and taken part in the IT badge. (With thanks to *Simon* for running the IT evening).



At the time of writing, many cubs will be enjoying the fun activities of JOTA/JOTI. More about this next time.

Don't forget to book tickets for the trip to Maidenhead Pantomime! This year's panto is *Jack and The Beanstalk*. I will be playing the Giant and *Patrick Ashe* (Young Leader) will be playing Dozy Den. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be coming to the performance on Wednesday 14th December and tickets are £5 each (group discount). Please let me have money as soon as possible.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

This term we were lucky to have a visit from Berkshire search and rescue dogs, and the two dogs that came were called Pepsi and Max. It was both educational and fun evening, including a demonstration with the dogs and a mock rescue of one of our cubs, *Oliver Palmer Page*. We highly recommend this evening, and as promised, their contact details are www.k9-sar.com



A big bravo goes to a team of three of our cubs, *Hannah Henwood*, *Robbie Standen* and *Sam Cranch* who completed the District orienteering course held at Pinkneys Green Woods. Because they finished with time to spare, they completed the course a second time. It was an enjoyable afternoon. Well done them!

This term saw two of our cubs, *Eva Murray* and *Charlotte Wilkinson* moving up to and becoming scouts. We said our goodbyes, and we send them our best wishes.

Some evenings ahead, that we will be looking forward to, include a

night hike, and a visit to the Heritage museum.

Kaa (Richard Stevenson)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

This month has seen a flurry of badges earned by the Scouts, so there will be some sewing to do when the badges arrive! First we held a Sports Enthusiast evening with presentations from the Scouts on everything from trampolining to rowing. As is the variety with Scouting we then moved to our annual computer based evening, where the Scouts tackled their Digital Citizen Stage 2 or 3 badge. Many thanks to *Simon Wheeler*

and *Alex Robins* for organising everything for us.



Finally the half term ended with a Local Knowledge evening where we looked at the local area and found some of the key places in the Scouts lives on the map... starting with their home and their school!

The next half term has some great events planned including night navigation, the District Night Hike and a visit to Maidenhead Heritage Centre, alongside seasonal regulars of the Remembrance Service, Christine.Service and pantomime trip. Check your emails for details.

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Winterhill Troop

In the past month the Scouts have been learning new knots, having a Conker evening, plus preparing for the District cooking Competition and night Hike. Four scouts *Luke Kersey*, *Edward Lattimer*, *Pat Russell* and *Daniel Wallace* spent a Saturday on a training course run by the District, there were Scouts from the other 11 Troops in Maidenhead. The course will help them with their roles as APLs / PLs.



JOTI / JOTA
We had quite a few Scouts taking part

sometime over the weekend including a few who stayed the night. Congratulations go to all the eight Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to *Alex Robins* for sorting out the computers and to all the leader who helped make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

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We would like to *Oscar Bennett* and his families to the Troop, he has made his Scout Promise and be invested as Winter Hill Scout.

District Night Hike - We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 18th November - 7.30pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts can take part even if their parents are unable to attend, cost £2 per person. We hope that, as many Scouts and **Parents** will be able to take part. For more details contact Simon. Scouts without parents taking part will be dropped off at home, at the end of the event. We are Short of Older Scouts due to a School Trip, **we hope those not away will make the effort and take part.**

District Cooking Competition – *The District Cooking competition is on Saturday 12th November at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking for 3 Scouts to make up a team and take part, contact Simon for more details*

Older Scouts Weekend - Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 25th-26th November. We hope to be able to skin, gut and eat Rabbits, Pigeons and Pheasants again this year. Can you please reply even if you are unable to attend? Full details available from Simon

Mystery Trip / Activity - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 2nd December 2016. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing.



Christmas Fair - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall. If every Scout & Young Leader donates five items**, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout who wishes to help on the Tombola **MUST** wear Full Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.

Simon Wheeler Winter Hill Scout Leader

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