



GROUP NEWS

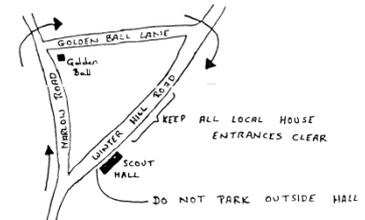
November 2017

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

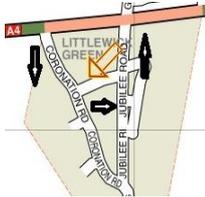
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SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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
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 Stubbings. 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 12th November 2017 – 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 3rd December 2017, 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 3rd 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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Digital Citizen Staged Badges

Every evening the week before JOTA/JOTI weekend, as we had the computers set up, we ran special evening for all sections to do the Digital Citizen Staged badges. It was a very busy week with over 110 staged badges being awarded to the PG Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who completed the badge requirements

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 60th **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 local Radio Amateurs, and LG Akela *Pete Matthews*. 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, *Bob Parker* for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Also thanks to PG Leaders *Ali Butler, Teresa Williams, Jon Otun, Avril Broadley, Catherine Weeks* and *Jon Corbitt* for coming along. Over weekend 57 badges gained. Saturday afternoon was very busy with over 40 youngsters attending

We also took part in 21st **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the twenty-first 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 *Myles Rankin, Michael Crown & Graham Wolfe* who helped over the weekend. We had over thirty computers 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.



Congratulations

Congratulations goes to *Jane Courtier* on being awarded the Scout Association 20 years' service award

Her son *Mark*, joined the group in 1996 (*Mark* is now a Group leader with PG and help out on camps). *Jane* became a member of the Group Executive Committee in 1997, before taking on the role as Group Secretary in 2004, the role she still holds



Printing Pantomime Script

We also are looking for help with photocopying the PG pantomime *Mother Goose*, Script, its approx. 60 pages. For more details, please contact *Simon* simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2018.

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 your 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: pgsbs@hotmail.co.uk

Maidenhead Scout Shop
Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)
www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We have had a busy time since returning from the summer holidays.

We have welcomed in to the colony *Holly Davidson, Douglas Stewart, Isla Burgos, Rosa Mullins* and *Edward Bromley*.

After our visit to Science Museum with winter Hill Beavers we had follow up evenings Science Experiments and a Space Activity, we have also decorated biscuits and cup-cakes and had a harvest themed evening.

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Winter Hill Colony

This month the Beavers have once again been very busy. We said goodbye to *Joe Fraser, Leo Burke, Murphy Camp-Overy* who swam up to Cubs, we wish them the best of luck for the next step of their scouting journey.



The Beavers made clay models at the Old Kiln Works in Pinkneys Green, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They have also learnt about pollution and how it can affect the world by making a pollution catcher, which the beavers have been hanging at home to see how much pollution is around. Still on the theme of global issues; the Beavers last week made erupting volcanoes by using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.

Upcoming dates: The Beavers' Halloween party run by the scouts on Monday 30th October. We look forward to seeing the Beavers at Stubbings Church on Sunday 12th November for our Remembrance service.

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**

Tic Tac (Tom Beynon)

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 challenge badges that the cubs earned at cub camp – plenty of sewing to be done!



This month, we invested *Joe Fraser, Leo Burke* and *Murphy Camp-Overy* into cubs after swimming up from Beavers and *Edward Coppins, Lily Howard* and *Tyler Suddaby* who join us from outside the Group. We welcome the cubs and their families to the cub section. We said goodbye to *Kacey Knight* and *Victor Wilson* 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 had a skills evening where the cubs ironed their neckerchiefs, laid a table, made a cup of tea and peeled a potato. Make sure they help out at home! We have also completed some first aid activities, built structures using garden canes and elastic bands and used

maps to locate familiar landmarks in the local area.

We are looking forward to the fun activities of JOTA/JOTI as well as completing the requirements for the Digital Citizen badge.

Don't forget to book tickets for the trip to Maidenhead Pantomime! This year's panto is Cinderella. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be coming to the performance on Wednesday 13th December and tickets are £7 each (group discount). Please let me have money as soon as possible.

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)

Littlewick Pack



A seasonal hike took us into Maidenhead thicket to see the changes of the forest since our summer hike. A little tree climbing and tracking skills were included.

Pioneering began with basic knots and ended in the perfect frame to support the scarves of our newly invested cubs. A warm welcome to Alexander Davison, Daisy Davidson and Struan Haley, we hope you'll enjoy each meeting and make many friends on the way.

To complete their pioneering badge we tackled the trickier knots and also had the cubs use them in team games and challenges.

The following week being World Space Week, the cubs had astronaut training. After a space quiz we gave memory tests with 'Kim's game', showing the cubs that working in a team improved their results. Space game let them blast off, walk in space and moon walk. Unfortunately we lost communication during our next team challenge leaving the cubs to try and build the tallest paper tower using only non-verbal communication with some interesting results.



We had fun at JOTA, an international event that allows young people in Scouting to communicate across the globe via Amateur Radio. We spoke to many scouts across Europe and even reached as far as Toronto in Canada

LG Akela (*Pete Matthews*)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We have had a typically active month at Scouts starting with an excellent visit from paramedic *Heather Smith* who took the Scouts through some basic first aid. She answered a whole range of questions, both about first aid and life as a paramedic, and from my perspective prepared the Scouts for any accidents in our cooking week! Having prepared their menus and allocation of tasks in the first week, the Scouts cooked a chicken curry and whipped up (!) an Eton Mess. *Sam* and I both judged the results - all perfectly edible and no side effects! Well done to *Alba Standen* and Hawks patrol for winning - their approach to washing up being the tipping point in their favour. Hopefully we have some budding chefs for the District Cooking Competition on 11th November.



This month we have also invested 4 new Scouts - *Chelsea Herbert-Green*, *Dylan Williams-Lock*, *Connor Wilcock* and *Robbie Standen*, while *Ben Jones* and represented LW Scouts at the District Land Activities Day tackling shooting, climbing and archery.

Finally, please remember it is Remembrance Sunday service on 12th November, 10.30am at Stubbings Church - this is our only truly public event of the year and the only time I ask that Scouts is prioritised over other activities (eg football, dance etc) that the Scouts commit to. Please make every effort to attend.

David Barns Littlewick Scout Leader

Winterhill Troop

In the past month the Scouts have been learning mapping skills and local knowledge, plus preparing for the District cooking Competition. Four scouts *Alfie Savage*, *Niall Parsons*, *Simon Wilkosz* and *James Huband* spent a Saturday on a training course run by the District, there were Scouts from the other Troops in Maidenhead. The course will help them with their roles as PLs (Patrol Leaders) or APLs (Assistant Patrol Leader).

We would like to welcome *Kacey Knight* and *Victor Wilson* and their families to the Troop, he has made his Scout Promise and be invested as Winter Hill Scout.

JOTI / JOTA We had quite a few Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend including a few who stayed through 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.



World Jamboree Selection Weekend – Friday/Saturday 18/19 November. Reminder– Applications have to be in by 31 October 2017. More details on <https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/internationalevents.php>

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District Cooking Competition – The District Cooking competition is on Saturday 4th November at Cookham Scout Hall. We wish the WH Scouts who have volunteered to take part good lucks

Mystery Trip / Activity - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 1st December 2017. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing.

LAN Event – We are holding a Christmas LAN, open to all PG Scouts & YLs. Friday 22nd December after WH Scout meeting till Saturday 23 December, contact Alex Robins for more details.

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