



GROUP NEWS

October 2017



JOTI and JOTA

We are hoping to hold again this year at our Scout Hall *International*
JOTA - Jamboree on the Air & JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet

Date: **Saturday 21st Oct. 10am to Sunday 22nd Oct. approx. 2pm**

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part.

Cubs and Scouts should be able to do an activity badge on Saturday 10am & 2pm. Sunday 10am

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

60th Jamboree on the Air - 21st-22nd October 2017

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GB0PG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have **Bill Somerville** and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge, on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Jamboree on the Air in which half a million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. The use of amateur radio means that many Scouts get the opportunity to discover the skills of wireless radio techniques and electronics. JOTA is also the only event that offers each individual Scout the opportunity to speak to other Scouts across the world.



21st Jamboree on the Internet - - 20th-22nd October 2017

The 2017 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 20th JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world in a similar way to JOTA, but using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info/> to find out more



JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.

The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self

During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events



CHRISTMAS TREES 2017

Details attached to this issue PG Tips

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Chewing/Bubble Gum

Can we remind all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers that **Chewing and Bubble Gum is BANNED** from the Scout Hall and all Scouting activities that they take part in, as members of PG. The reason is that Chewing & Bubble gum can be dangerous if swallowed. It is also VERY antisocial when left on the Scout Hall floor, on table, chairs etc.

Printing Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is *Mother Goose*, we are looking for someone to update the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon, email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk



PHOTOCOPYING

Can you do A3 photocopies for PG or know where we can get them done for a reasonable price

We are looking for 20-100 A3 Poster (Black & White), to advertise our Christmas Fair

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

We hope you all had a good a good summer and would like to welcome you back. This term we have some new faces at beavers, welcome to *Bertie Cox, Alfie Darby, Zach Perrot* and *Toby Mastrilli*.

On Saturday 16th September the older beavers enjoyed a trip to the science museum, there they took part in some exciting activities. The beavers enjoyed an interactive science show, where they were shown how different extreme temperatures affect the properties of different materials. They were then shown how ice cream can be made with liquid nitrogen. They also made a night light before bedding down at 11:30 for the night; sleeping on the museum floor. The next morning after breakfast the beavers saw a 3D IMax film before going home for some much needed rest!

The beavers will be doing some exciting activities this term including; making clay models at the brick kiln, JOTI/JOTA (Jamboree on the air and Jamboree on the Internet) where they can communicate with other beavers, cubs and scouts across the world and of course our annual Halloween party.

Tic Tac (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

GOOD NEWS, we have a new Beaver Leader for Littlewick Green Beavers, Her name is Carli Browne and she lives in the village. Carli will be known as Hawkeye at Beavers.

GSL Erica Hunter



CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack



After a peaceful summer break, we started the new term with Cub Camp. We took 37 cubs from both packs to Furze Platt Scout Group's Campsite in Cookham.

The cubs took part in a full programme of activities including cooking bread twists on an open fire and playing cricket. The highlights of the weekend were the campfire and archery.

Thank you to Pete Matthews (Akela from the Littlewick Pack) and all the other leaders, for organising a great camp.

Over the coming term, we plan to play conkers, carve pumpkins and work towards our communicator badges.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

PG Cub Camp – A parent's perspective

Three things struck me after my weekend helping out at this month's camp.

Firstly, the level of organisation and commitment from the Leaders and Young Leaders so that our children can have an amazing experience, is extraordinary. Each one of them gave absolutely every last bit of energy they had and all of the Cubs had a great time doing archery, cricket, crafting, an obstacle course and of course, the campfire.

Secondly, the cubs are fed extremely well and often! The meals are well planned, healthy and plentiful. As well as the fruit and vegetables, there are also a few treats mixed in such as the lovely homemade cakes! I'd never helped cater for that many people before and so I gained new experience as well as seeing so many happy Cub Scouts up close in the wild!



Finally, it was clear that they need help. Whether it's loading the van, pitching the tents, helping for a day of camp, helping break down the camp on the Sunday morning, loading the van, unloading the van or just generally mucking in, any time that you can give frees up their time and energy to focus on giving our children a weekend to remember. In fact, come to think about it, they gave me a weekend to remember as well!

Duncan Target (Cub Parent)

Littlewick Pack

Summer holidays are over and we welcomed back our Littlewick Green cubs with tent pitching in preparation for Akela's first lead PG cub camp. We were joined by Winter Hill at the camp site and the cubs worked well together pitching their patrol tents before the rain arrived. The following day we hiked to Marion's meadow in Cookham before having a well-earned hot chocolate.



After a late night and an extremely early morning we began the planned activities; Archery, which was a big hit with the cubs and leaders, Cricket with Performance cricket coaches, Outdoor cooking of omelettes, banana splits and bread twists, Bug making and Circus skills kept everyone active. We also managed to fit in breakfast and lunch in between the rain showers, but they



didn't dampen anyone's mood. After dinner we sang camp fire songs and the cubs worked together to entertain us with some fantastic jokes and acting. More hot chocolate kept us warm for the cold night ahead. Sunday morning the cubs had a lie-in until 6:30am and we had another sunny start to the day. Tents came down and wide games were played. Everyone enjoyed themselves!!

We want to thank all the leaders, young leaders, activity leaders and parents that helped with setting up and dismantling camp, we couldn't do it without you all. A huge BRAVO to all that helped make cub camp a great success.

The following meeting we welcomed four new starters to an active night of sports and we look forward to another busy term of activities.

PG Littlewick Green leaders team

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

The start of term has seen the Troop welcome 5 new members as *Charlotte Coyle*, *Chelsea Herbert-Smith*, *Dylan Williams-Lock*, *Connor Wilcock* and *Robbie Standen* have moved up from Cubs. As a result of our increased numbers we have recreated the Falcons patrol - congratulations to *Tom Lonsdale* who will be Patrol Leader for Falcons patrol and *Freya Livesey* who will now be Patrol Leader for Eagles patrol.

We had a relaxed start to term with a games evening when we also refreshed ourselves on the 7 elements of the Scout Law. The Scouts managed to remember them between the start and end of the meeting, and hopefully that will extend for the rest of the term! We then followed up with some scouting basics - pioneering tripods strong enough to support a whole patrol. The remainder of term has now been planned with highlights being Masterchef style cooking, pumpkin carving and a trip to the Maidenhead Drama Guild pantomime (Cinderella) in December.

Looking further ahead, this month I have booked the Troop's first camp for May Bank Holiday weekend (Sat 8th - Mon 10th May 2018) at Tolmers Scout Activity Centre in Hertfordshire. It's somewhat off still, but hopefully the Scouts will be able to block it out of diaries



LG Scout Leader (*David Barns*)

Winter Hill Troop

Scout meetings continued through the summer holidays doing lots of activities in the woods, improving the Scouts Scouting skills.

The past few weeks have been busy, delivering the Jumble Sale flyers Taking part in wide games on a very wet evening at Cookham Dean common, as we were unable to use the Scout hall, due to the jumble.



Nine members of PG attended the District Land Activity Day, activities they did were archery, shooting and climbing. Thank you goes to *Rob Ayre* for organising the event and *Darran Cottington* for helping with the shooting

APLs *Simon Wilkosz*, *Alfie Savage*, *Niall Parsons* and *James Huband* attended the District PLs training course, they joined 30 other Scouts from all over Maidenhead and Cookham Scout Hall.

We would like to welcome Kacey Knight and Victor Wilson to the Troop, they have started their moving up award from Cubs

We are looking for Scouts to take part in the District cycle event, 10.30am on Sunday 8th October, it will be held in the Littlewick Green area. Parents, we are also looking help to cycle with a group of Scouts.

We are looking for help from Scouts, running the Cub Halloween party on Wednesday during half term, 25th October.

JOTA/JOTI Saturday 21st October, any Scout or Young leader that would like to stay over, please contact Simon for more details

District Cooking Competition, will be held on Saturday 11th November, at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking for a team of three Scouts to represent Winter Hill

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)



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Explorer Belt- Frank Williams

For two weeks in August, over 20 explorer and network scouts from across the Maidenhead district went to Iceland as part of the Explorer Belt challenge. The Explorer Belt is a 10

-day expedition in a different country doing various projects to get to know the local people and the culture of that country.

I was part of a team of six of 16 and 17-year-old explorers who spent the 10 days hiking and camping on our own, and carrying all our equipment for the expedition. We choose to travel across the western Snæfellsnes peninsula, north of the capital, as it was remote and took us across a 1,400-metre volcano and some of the best scenery in Iceland. We undertook many projects, for example we learned a local dance and song, entertained a restaurant, visited small villages, museums, went fishing and joined in football games with the locals. We also visited Gysers, volcanoes, the Gullfoss waterfall, and swam in hot springs that got to over 100 degrees in places, and we were



even lucky enough to see the Northern Lights.

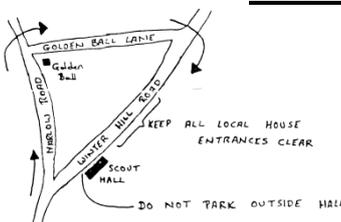
Of course, there was a lot of preparation to be done for such an event, and I spent over a year raising money for myself and others to help

cover the cost. This involved helping at F3 sport events at Dorney lake, and quiz nights. Planning was also a key stage in developing a successful expedition, so we planned our 136km hike, meals and campsites all in advance, which included large amounts of research and teamwork. There are seven key things that a participant must do to complete the challenge, these are to:

- plan and train for an international expedition as part of a small team
- travel to another country of our choice and travel through that country over ten days
- complete a major project of our own choice
- complete around ten smaller projects
- keep a notebook or diary during the expedition
- take part in a debriefing after the expedition
- make a presentation about the expedition.

Iceland is a fascinating country, and with a population the size of Reading, it was an amazing opportunity to get see the landscape and gain a real understanding of the way people live in such a different environment, and I would strongly recommend to anyone to take up the opportunity when it offered in the future.

YOUNGSTERS 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*

Please Don't park in the drive way of 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.

