



GROUP NEWS

November 2018



CHRISTMAS TREES 2018

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Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service

- Littlewick Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at *St John the Evangelist*, Littlewick Green
- Winter Hill Beavers, Cubs, Scouts will attend the service at *St James the Less*, Stubbings

We hope that, as many members of PG (Littlewick & Winter Hill) and their families will be able to attend one of these service. The service will remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 11th November 2018 – 10.35am**

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 Parents.



Date: **Sunday 2nd December 2018, 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.

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 2nd December as well.

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

PG2 off to West Virginia 2019 (World Scout Jamboree)

Over the past two months Dan and I have participated in a few activities, both with the unit, and separate. First of all, in the beginning of September, we had a meeting which was focused around cultural awareness. During this we learned the easily mistaken stereotypes and views centered around us and other countries. We also developed ideas about what the 'Home Hospitality' would focus on.

Later on in September, there was a race night which took place in the Scout Headquarters in Altwood School. The night consisted of betting on horses, making money and overall having a great time. Huge thanks to Pixey who ran the races and his partner Gill, who helped with the financial side of the night. On the 13th October, the unit travelled to London early in the morning, to have a go at the Monopoly Run. This consisted of us running around London to prescribed destinations, and taking funny pictures in front of them. This lasted the whole day, and towards the end we were surprised with a relaxing boat trip down the Thames. Afterwards, we had a meal at 'The Diner', and went home content at midnight.



WH Cubs Young Leader (*Nick Conacher*)

Digital Citizen and Digital Maker 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 150 staged badges being awarded to the 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 61st JOTA – Jamboree on the Air, where they talked to Scouts in 20 countries :- Czech Republic, Faroe Islands, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Madeira Island, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales. Using 7 MHz (80m band) & 14 MHz (40m band). Special thanks goes to *Bill Somerville G4WJS* for supply the equipment and organising the event and manning the station, with help from Amateurs that made it possible, *Paul Welford G4YKQ*, *Steve Shenstone M5BFL* and *Pete Matthews 2E0INL* (LG Akela). We have

been taking part JOTA since 1990. Our call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank *Phill Bristow* for supplying the masts. Plus Maidenhead Scout Active Support members *Jane Taylor & Gill Hill* for helping with the Communicators Badge. Also thanks to PG Leaders *Ali Butler*, *Teresa Williams* and *Wai Marland* for coming along. Over weekend 47 badges gained. Saturday afternoon was very busy with over 40 youngsters attending.

We also took part in 22nd **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 some of the troop leaders manned the computer throughout Saturday night, with the Scouts. There were some very tired people on Sunday.

Container Shelving

Can we thank all 17 parents, Scouts and leaders who helped build the shelves, empty and fill our two containers at local farm. The wok on the second container was a very wet day and windy day, the gazebo we were using got very badly damaged. It took a long a lot of time to do, but will make it a lot easier to get out our Pantomime, Summer Fair and Camping equipment out and away, without having to empty the container.



Supermarket Crates

We are looking for supermarket crates, like the ones used for home deliveries

We want to use these plastic storage boxes to store equipment in on our new shelving. They can also be stacked on top of each other, which makes the use of the shelving a lot more productive. If you have any to spare or know where we can buy them for a reasonable price please email Simon. help@pgtips.org.uk



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 2019.

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins on a Thursday or Friday before 5pm (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-six 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: pgsubs@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

The beavers have been busy this month, with a trip to pets at home to learn about how to look after their pets.

The beavers enjoyed going to Pinkneys Green Scout hall, they used the computer set up for JOTI to do their digital citizens badge.



Wiley (Mark Bromley)



Winter Hill Colony

This month, the Beavers have been busy once again. They enjoyed making clay models at the clay works and brick kiln and I must say that I was really impressed with their creations. We had some dogs, bricks, emojis and even a pestle and mortar.

The Beavers also learnt how to cross the road safely by spending an evening revising the green cross code.

The Beavers earned their digital citizen badges when they had to do simple tasks on the computer. They had to draw a picture, search something they are interested in on the Internet and send an email.

We said goodbye to *Cameron Mullin-Brown*, *Noah Lee* and *George Frohnsdorff*; we wish them luck in cubs. Still to come, we have the Beavers' annual Halloween party run by the Scouts and the international badge when the Beavers will be learning about another country.

Tic Tac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The Cubs had fantastic fun on the water at Taplow lake building rafts with Engage Water sports. They designed and built rafts in two groups with a little help from Engage leaders Chris and Jeff. Everyone enjoyed being in the water as much as on it, those that didn't get wet going down with a sinking raft jumped in and had a swim.

Keeping with a watery theme we visited Peter Freebody's boat yard in Hurley. A short walk took us to the yard where beautiful handmade boats are built and repaired in the traditional way. A huge thank you to Richard and Kirsty, who took us around their workshop, machine room and we got to see finished boats on the river.



The following week the cubs drew Christmas cards for the annual Prime Ministers Christmas Card competition. Good luck to those who have entered.

World Space Week saw the Cubs work in their sixes to create space rockets and parachutes. The winning team had to fly the fastest rocket but have the slowest descent to deliver their payload. We also invested *Harry Wheeler*, *Oliver Rankin*, *Hannah Peck*, *Hannah Roth* and *Orlaith O'Hanlon* and welcomed new leader *Wai Marland* to the pack.

Winter Hill Scout leader *Simon Wheeler* invited us to complete the Digital Maker staged badge in advance of the 61st JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and 22nd JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet), thank you *Simon*.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

Winter Hill Pack

This month, we invested *Noah Lee*, *George Frohnsdorff* and *Cameron Mullin-Brown* into cubs after swimming up from Beavers. We welcome the cubs and their families to the cub section. We said goodbye to *Tom Atkinson* and *Isaac Stevenson* 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, taken part in a Spanish evening and earned the International badge 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 Sleeping Beauty. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be coming to the performance on Wednesday 12th December and tickets are £7 each (group discount). Please let me have money as soon as possible.



WH Akela (Rob Harris)

SCOUT NEWS



Littlewick Troop

With the start of a new term and the previous patrol leaders moving on we have now expanded to 3 patrols, each with a new leader. In the first meeting back, the scouts decided on the names for these new patrols and debated what they expect from their fellow scouts. These debates were pretty hard fought. The new patrols were named the Lions, the Buffaloes and the Bulldogs (the bulldog is apparently named Hamish). In another meeting the scouts designed and painted flags for these patrols and amazingly managed to keep the majority of the paint on the flags.

In other meetings we have successfully pioneered a tower which could be climbed across, cooked spaghetti bolognese in patrols and completed Digital Citizen badges of different levels of difficulty. Outside of our weekly meeting some of the scouts took part in the District Land Activity where they could try archery, air rifle shooting and indoor climbing. This was an unseasonably warm and sunny day which helped make it a very enjoyable day. We have had some new scouts join the troop and *Ava Losel Daly, Luke Shaw, Rose Losel Daly, Sam Cranch* and *Yudhveer Chauhan* were invested recently.

LG Assistant Scout Leader (*Mark Courtier*)



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Winter Hill Troop

In the past month the Scouts have been doing their navigators badge, mini pioneering, making wooden woggles, Halloween party and sewing badges on to their uniform.

We had some Scouts attend the District Land Activity day, where they did climbing, air rifle shooting and archery, thank you goes to *Rob Ayre* for organising the event. The new PLs & APLs 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 through the night. Congratulations go to all the seven Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. On the Friday night before JOTI the Scouts used the computers and gained their digital citizen and Digital maker badges, 37 badges were gained

We would like to *Tom Atkinson* and *Isaac Stevenson* and their 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 16th 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.**

Older Scouts Weekend - Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 23rd-24th 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 Activity - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 30th November 2018. The PLs need to decide what 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.

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)

