



GROUP NEWS

November 2019

Remembrance Sunday Service

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

- **Littlewick** 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 10th November 2019 – 10.35am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform** and a poppy



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 1st December 2019, 12noon-3pm** at the Scout Hall

We are looking for donations for the 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.

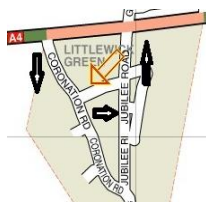
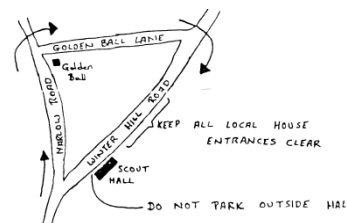
We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair on 1st December as well.

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

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.

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

OLD COMPUTERS

We are looking for any old laptops or computers running Windows 7 or newer. Every year we set up machines for Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) and for the sections to do their computer badges and there are always some that don't work anymore - next year we won't have enough for everyone.

If anyone has an old machine at home, or if your work are replacing their equipment please donate them to us. If you are concerned we can guarantee that they will be securely wiped.



Supermarket Crates

We are still looking for supermarket crates, like the ones used for home deliveries, to store equipment in our containers

If you have any to spare or know where we can buy them form please let us know.



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 62nd JOTA We had fun at JOTA, (Jamboree on the Air) an international event that allows young people in Scouting to communicate far and wide via Amateur Radio, this year speaking to Cubs and Scouts across Europe and as far afield as Norway, Sweden, the Azores and Malta. 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**, 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 **John Stevens, Gill Hill & Sandy Goode** for helping with the Communicators Badge. Also thanks to PG Leaders **Rob Harris, Ali Butler & Teresa Williams** for coming along. Over weekend 43 badges gained. Saturday afternoon was very busy with over 35 youngsters attending.

We also took part in 23rd JOTI – *Jamboree on the Internet*, it was the twenty-third 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 over 14 countries.

Digital Citizen and Digital Maker Staged Badges

The evenings 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* or *Digital Maker* 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



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Our online shopping has change to *easyfunding*.

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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.

Printing Pantomime Script

We also are looking for help with photocopying PG pantomime Script, its 50 pages. If you can help email simon@pgtipts.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.

Euro Jamboree

We have another member of PG **Alba Standen** Winter Hill Cub Young Leader, who has been selected by the District to go on the Euro Jamboree in Poland in August 2020. She will be joining Winter Hill Scout, **Kyle Dixon**

Follows is a report written by Alba:

In the summer of 2020 I have been selected to travel with 36 other scouts and explorers to the European Scout Jamboree that will be held in Gdansk Poland. This will be the first one held in over 20 years and it is a very exciting opportunity for me and the 4000 others in the UK going. We will meet over 30,000 people from different backgrounds and learn about their own interesting cultures.

In preparation to go, we had our first official training camp last weekend, it was really fun and a fantastic introduction for what is in



store for us. I got to meet all the people and we got put into patrols. We did water sports which included bell boating and dingys we camped in a hall and made go karts. We also learnt about cultural awareness and what we value as a unit. Finally we came up with a unit name ‘RoyalTea’.

I need to fundraise £1500 before summer 2020 therefore I will be helping out and doing events to raise money have this once in a lifetime opportunity, for instance, **Kyle** and I will be running a quiz night 29 February please come along and have an enjoyable evening. I am also offering **babysitting services**. If you are interested or would like more details, please call or text me at **07709 582000**

Follows is a report written by Kyle:

On the 20th September to the 22nd of September, I went to a camp with my European Jamboree unit 'Berkshire Royal-teas' called Explode. On this camp, it was mainly explorer units, but it also included the World Jamboree, and the Project Africa groups.

On Explode, Friday was mainly just setting up, and getting to know people in our unit, as this was mainly a social camp. Saturday was where all the action happened though. During the day, there were a lot of activities that were run by various scout leaders. These activities included: mop hockey, laser tag, a bull rodeo, glass engraving, paracord making, mini golf, a cave bus, shooting, archery, axe throwing, and many more. Saturday also happened to be my birthday, which was great fun. On Saturday evening, there was a neon party which was amazing.

Sunday was a camp competition, with different activities and sports going on, such as: volleyball, football, obstacle course relay. After this, we were just packing up.



BEAVER NEWS



This month the Beavers have been busy once again. They have enjoyed making clay models. I must say I was really impressed with their designs. We had some dogs, bricks and emojis. We had an evening of roasting marshmallows over candles which made an interesting change and challenge to roasting over a traditional campfire. The Beavers also learnt about harvest and how to be a good and helpful Beaver.

The Beavers will earn their digital citizen badge where they have to do simple tasks on the computer like draw a picture, search something they are interested in and send an email. We will also say goodbye to *Zack Perrott*, *Alfie Booth* and *Bertie Cox* who swim up to Cubs. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well at Cubs.

Still to come we have the Beavers' annual Halloween party run by Scouts and experiment badge where they will be performing some exciting experiments.

Tictac Winter Hill (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 Family Camp – plenty of sewing to be done!

This month, we invested *Bertie Cox*, *Alfie Booth* and *Zack Perrott* into cubs after swimming up from Beavers as well as *Florence Prescott* and *George Clarke* who are new to the Group. We welcome the cubs and their families to the cub section. We said goodbye to *Oscar Mastrilli*, *Gabe Nicholson* and *Finn Cochrane* who have been invested into scouts. We wish them well and look forward to seeing their scouting careers develop further in the future.

This year, instead of attending a Harvest Festival service, we learnt about the work of the local Food Share charity. The cubs listened really well and produced some fantastic adverts for the charity. The following week, they brought in food items, which have been donated to the charity. Thank you for all your donations.

At our weekly meetings, we have played lots of team games and completed some problem solving activities as part of the Teamwork and Skills Challenge Badges. We also went on a walk around the local area (as part of the Hikes Staged badge) and answered questions about the things we saw on the way. We just about managed to whole route before it got too dark but the last 500 metres through the woods were exciting! 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 *Dick Whittington*. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be coming to the performance on Wednesday 11th December and tickets are £8 each (group discount). Please let me have money as soon as possible.



WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

Our Cubs visited St Johns in Littlewick, very kindly hosted by *Richard Moores* - one of our Church Wardens, to find out about harvest festival and give our offerings for the Church to distribute locally, thank you Richard. The following week was World Space Week so the Cubs had astronaut training, after a space quiz we practised 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, then we lost radio 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 then invested our new Cubs, *Ola Reczynska*, *Riley Mulcahy*, *Isabella Keane*, *Leonardo Stephen*, *Douglas Stewart* and *William Cook*, welcome all !!



In August our Young Leader, *Matt Miller*, spent some time in Uganda as part of Berkshire Scouts Project Africa, an international community development programme to help our young people understand the lives of their peers in an African country and to provide support to projects in Uganda. *Matt* had an amazing trip and talked about his experiences to our Cubs with lots of photos, followed by a number of African themed team games for the Cubs to play. Our Winter Hill Scout leader *Simon Wheeler* invited us to complete the Digital Maker staged badge at Winter Hill in advance of the 62nd JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and 23rd JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet).

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

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SCOUT NEWS

District Incident Hike – PG is taking part in the District Night Hike, and joining around 200 Scouts from all the Maidenhead troops. The Scouts walk around a circular course, completing 8 different activities.


Date: Friday 15th November, finished by 2am (Saturday early morning)

Each team of Scouts will be accompanied by a couple of adults

Contact your Troop leader for more information

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 Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help.

We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.



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Littlewick Troop

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS to our four Gold Chief Scouts Ben, Will, Eva & Charlie. The Gold Chief Scout Award is



the highest award a Scout can earn and requires over 200 badge requirements to be completed. We are INCREDIBLY proud of you! Also we had the absolute pleasure to invest our four new Scouts- Ben, Fabien, Freddie and Ben- welcome to the Troop! This month we had a fantastic weekend adventure! We spent a day vlogging in Windsor where the Scouts went exploring and found lots of exciting things to do such as mini golf and filmed themselves doing it. We hiked back to the Scout hall, the Scouts cooked us dinner then used their new iMovie Maker skills they learnt at Three Mobile last month to edit their vlogs and we watched them on the massive screen. We had a sleep over at the hall and got up bright and early on the Sunday to hike to the woods near the Shire Horse Pub. We spent the entire day in the rain coppicing trees for the National Trust. Given the terrible weather conditions and the fact that not much sleep had been had the night before the Scouts did a fantastic job!

LG Assistant & Scout Leader (Kim & Michael Crown)

Winter Hill Troop

In the past month the Scouts have been doing their navigators badge, mini pioneering, Halloween party and sewing badges on to their uniform. Some of the new PLs & APLs 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 APLs / PLs.

JOTI / JOTA We had quite a few Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend. Congratulations go to all the six 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, 57 badges were gained

We would like to *Joe Hedges* and his family to the Troop, he has started his Moving Up Award from Boyne Hill Altwood



BABY SITTING SERVICE

Hi, I'm **Alba Standen** and as a fundraiser for the *European Jamboree* in Poland I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at Winter Hill cubs for two years, I'm 15 years old and live in Maidenhead.

If you are interested, please call or text me at 07709 582000

Older Scouts Weekend - Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 22nd-23rd 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

Swimming - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 29th November 2019. The Scouts Will Be going Swimming and we hope have the chance to do their staged Swimmer badges

WH Scout Leader (Simon Wheeler).