



GROUP NEWS

October 2020



JOTA and JOTI

This year due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold **JOTA - Jamboree on the Air** and **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet** at the Scout Hall

Date: Friday 16th October to Sunday 18th October.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers will be able to take part at home

Connecting Millions of Young People, the world Scout council are organising an event that you take part from 16 to 18 October featuring a new interactive map and an exciting programme of activities and events taking place online and over the airwaves.

During a time when many young people are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, JOTA-JOTI 2020 will enable millions of young people from over 200 countries and territories to come together to build friendships and learn about global citizenship. JOTA-JOTI 2020 will convene on the theme of TOGETHER!

If you haven't registered yet, join us on 16-18 October to get connected during the world's largest conversation for young people. You can sign up as an individual from any location around the world. [Register now www.jotajoti.info](http://www.jotajoti.info)

Explore the interactive map Check out the new interactive map that allows Scouts to explore the online programme, plan their activity agendas, and have a weekend experience full of fun and learning. The programme offers plenty of activities and live sessions to engage young people in several learning paths focused on community, friendship, nature, health and advocacy.



Throughout the weekend, this year's JOTA-JOTI programme offers young participants live shows, talent stages, multilingual dialogues, radio activities, quizzes, a space to celebrate important milestones, live campfires from different corners of the world, and so much more! In addition to the JOTA-JOTI programme offerings in English, we are also delivering a series of activities in different languages.

The JOTA-JOTI 2020 programme is being co-created with content input from partners including the Wikimedia Foundation, World's Largest Lesson, WWF, and UN Environment to bring more young people into today's relevant global conversations.

Once you have registered for JOTA-JOTI!, you can start connecting with young people around the world from the comfort of your home. During this year's event you will have an opportunity to learn new things, have fun and best of all, and make new friends.

As you know, there are tons of interesting activities this JOTA-JOTI. The event offers international talent shows, campfires, games, celebrations, and global chats, all in one place!

You will be able to:

1. Explore the campsite: Have a look around the new JOTA-JOTI Programme map and explore the endless adventures awaiting you. You will be notified once the full programme of activities is available so stay tuned!
2. Choose your favourite topics: After exploring the JOTA-JOTI Programme, choose your favourite topics to receive alerts when activities related to your areas of interest are available.



JOTI Berkshire Scouts

JOTI event has NOT stopped due to COVID-19 it can be attended by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers with their families and under parental supervision, from home

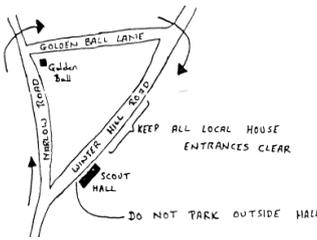
Berkshire Scouts are running activities and a competition over the weekend.

If you want to join Berkshire Scouts and take part in JOTI this year and are wondering where to start please register your interest with them and they will provide you with tools to run it yourselves and / or activities for your families, sections to join in with over the weekend 16th - 18th October 2020.

You need to register for the weekend using:

<https://forms.gle/EhE7v9LRLRF2pfbL9>

YOUNGSTERS SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

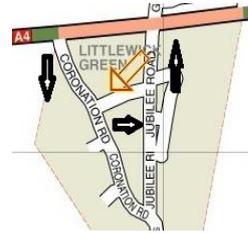


PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and **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.



CHRISTMAS TREES 2020

More details www.pgscouts.org.uk

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green/
Cookham / Hurley areas

We are taking orders

Orders by Saturday **31st October**
for delivery on Saturday **5th December 2020**

Order Form on PG Web Site www.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/>

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 £1,500 from supporters of PG who have done this.

**Please Support
Pinkneys Green Scout Group**

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

For more details <http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop> and map for directions

Please make sure that you know your son's **Chest & waist size**. They will not be able to try them *on due to COVID-19 Regus*.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.35pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

The shop will be open every Thursday evening until 10th December with the exception of 22nd and 29th October. **7pm - 8.30pm**

Please note the following COVID 19:

- Limited numbers of customers in the shop
- Face masks must be worn
- Hand sanitiser will be available for all customers
- Social Distancing rules must be followed

We do have some second hand uniform for sale, contact *Peta Almond* pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk for more details

Note: Goyles and Schools Direct No longer sell Scout Uniform.

Yellow PG Tee Shirts contact Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony



The beavers continue to meet on zoom, and complete badge work via our Facebook page. This month the beavers did some work towards their gardeners badge. They tried to grow an avocado using the stone. Unfortunately no beavers were successful. Benny showed them it was possible with a plant that he managed to grow.

We invested the new beavers via zoom. We welcome *Freya Thomas, Tolomey Wood, and Megan Grayson*.

I am pleased to finally announce we can commence with face to face scouting again.

There will be procedures and parameters to follow as with most activities these days but We promise to make it as pain free and as simple as possible keep an eye out on your emails for further information

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We are now meeting back at Littlewick Green, we have 13 Beavers, we will be investing those that are ready next week along with Hawkeye, Rainbow and Bubbles.

During September we explored the village, we found out why there is a Blue plaque on the Redroofs building, found a garden that had a cow and pigs in the front garden and counted how many windows the church had. Then we learn all about the trees in the village and this we made Apple bird feeders.

We will be starting a parent rota while we look or additional leaders/helpers.

GSL (Erica Hunter)



CUB NEWS



Littlewick Pack

At the start of the new term activities were allowed indoors so we moved back to Littlewick on a Wednesday. We are still limited on numbers meaning the Pack is split into two groups, with each group currently meeting every other week. We are able to successfully maintain social distancing in the Hall and the new drop off process is working well.

of our time on the Green, starting with a treasure hunt. Most recently we have been visited by Alan Marquand, the head coach from Maidenhead Softball Club, who has run introduction to softball sessions on the lower Green. The Cubs really enjoyed softball, so much so we may have found a new favourite outdoor sport. For the rest of the half term we will try and stay outdoors for as long as possible before the lack of light and weather make it impractical.

Although it's great to be back at the Hall, we've spent most



LG Akela (*Pete Matthews*)

Winter Hill Pack

It's been an unusual return to the Winter Hill Cub Pack but exciting nonetheless. The cubs have kicked the term off with a rotation of activities including Firelighting, Tent Pitching and a Local Hike. We've been remaining flexible due to the small group sizes and the parents have been fantastic at adapting to what's on the programme as we get used to these temporary ways of meeting.



For firelighting, *Kaa* has been leading the cubs (and those of us Leaders who are too rusty to remember) in lighting fires under some quiet challenging conditions. We've had heavy rain, dark evenings and slippery conditions to contend with, but each cub has succeeded in lighting a fire, and keeping it alight - some even had the time to cook their sausages and marshmallows the old fashioned way too!

Those whom had the opportunity to pitch a patrol tent during their meeting also enjoyed an evening of outdoor games, including the unintentional 'hunt the peg in the dark' - one of *Chil's* new favourites. *Mysa* has also been reinventing games: relay games in a socially distanced way. It's likely that, as we continue into the winter, we'll be mostly meeting outdoors (when possible anyway) - don't worry, *Mang* has promised to set up a mobile flood lighting system - this might be a night's activity in itself.

Recently, *Akela* had the pleasure of virtually attending a Zoom Beaver Meeting to greet the new Cubs as they 'swam up' from Beavers. Listening to the Swimming Up Song was certainly interesting via Zoom: *Keo's* remix featuring all. We gladly welcome our new Cubs and their families into the pack.



As you will all be aware, *Bagheera* (Rob - twice formerly *Akela*) has now begun his appointment as District Commissioner. On behalf of the Cub Pack, we wish him the very best in his new role and are looking forward to giving him a proper WH Cub Pack send off as soon as we settle into a routine! For now though, THANK YOU for the recent years you have given to the pack - the cubs have been asking after you!

If you haven't had the opportunity to yet, please make sure that you've signed up for the parent portal on our Online Scout Manager. All programme information will be coming via that system, just check in for details about upcoming meetings (and which meetings to attend whilst we adapt by meeting in smaller groups). Whilst we get used to the flexible programme, we'll send out a text message reminder to those attending a meeting that day to help keep on top of plans.

Oh yes - one last thing to say: thank you for welcoming us back to the Cub Pack!

WH Akela (*Jon Corbitt*) **WH Hath**i (*Catherine Corbitt*)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

After our successful trial of face to face scouting, we have returned to regular Monday meetings but they are still quite different to normal. Meetings are limited to 8 scouts and everything we have done has been outside. To make sure everyone can attend fairly there is a lottery system and, on current rates of attendance, at worst scouts attend every other meeting.

Thanks to the parents for putting up with the extra admin work on this front.

Adapting to a socially distanced programme has been quite difficult but most activities have gone well so far. Things we have done include building and then playing crazy foot golf (a cross between golf with a football and crazy golf), strategy football (each team has 3 moves then has to stand still whilst the other team takes a turn), and the move the bomb challenge (a staple and socially distanced anyway).



As night draws in, socially distanced hide and seek and manhunt have also gone down well. Decreasing light and temperature a likely to pose further challenges but fingers crossed we can continue as we have been.

LG Scout Leader (*Mark Courtier*)



Winter Hill Troop

We have continued to run our virtual Troop meetings, with Scouts completing challenges and badges at home. Those Scouts who have gained badges should have received them in the post.

This month's zoom meetings have included various games and activities. The Scouts have had various evenings including: Emoji Quizzes; Just A Minute; Truth or Lie; Survival Activity and Cooking.

Photos on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pgscouts

So far we have held over 25 zoom meetings, with 28 different Scouts taking part in them. We hope to go back to face to face meetings in October when we have qualified leaders available (due to work and personal commitments they are not available till then) to run our meeting. We will have to split the Troop, as numbers of Scouts taking part will be restricted, Scouts will be on a rota which weeks they can attend.

Don't forget to send me photos and let me know what you have been doing at home.



WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)