



## GROUP NEWS

December 2020



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Due to us being in the second lockdown, all face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events are still suspended the sections are organising some virtual scouting for their members to do at home, via emails and their Facebook.

### Remembrance Sunday

As traditional commemorations were curtailed by Covid-19 restrictions, we sent a representative to lay a Poppy Wreath at both *St John the Evangelist*, Littlewick Green and at *St James the Less*, Stubbings War Memorials.



As PG could not take part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, in uniform to observe the two-minute silence on their door steps, at 11am on Sunday November 8.





## PG Christmas Trees

We have sold about 175 trees. This activity is especially important as it's our only fundraising event this year.

A special Thank you goes to Peta & Charlie Almond for coordinating this fundraising event, and to all the parents and Scouts who helped deliver them this year



During this challenging time when we can't fundraise in person and events have been cancelled, Pinkneys Green Scouts needs your help more than ever. If you're shopping online for anything at all, please remember to go via easyfundraising to raise free donations for us.

Easyfundraising has over 4,000 shops and sites which will donate to us at no extra cost to yourself, including lots of big name retailers like John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible. All you have to do is go through the easyfundraising website or App whenever you shop online and we'll receive a % of your spend as a free donation, at no cost to you or us.

We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us. Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

**Thank you goes to everyone who has used our online shopping page**, this month we have raised going via this site over £1,400



## Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps for RNIB

Please save your postage stamps for us. Start collecting stamps as they come through your post box or at your work. Make sure you leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp.

Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or give them to your child's section leader.

Thank you goes to everyone who has dropped off stamps to us.

## UNIFORM

**If your child has joined a new section you will required to get a new Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer uniform for their section meetings.** These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop

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

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time  
**7.30pm – 9pm** at 19th Maidenhead Hut  
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

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*

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](mailto:pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk) for more details

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

## BEAVER NEWS



### Winter Hill Colony

This month, the second group of beavers enjoyed a night hike finished with hot chocolate.

As we were put in to a second lockdown we have had to move back onto zoom.

We enjoyed a zoom meeting of games and drawing. The beavers had 3 minutes to draw their interpretation of various things including a castle and a Christmas tree. We then played a game of Simon says. Finally we ended the meeting with a game with playing cards. The beavers had to find different cards and suits the quickest. We plan to continue with zoom until face to face scouting is permitted again.

*Tictac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)*



### Littlewick Colony

Our fabulous group of Beavers are now meeting via zoom, however, we had had some great meetings initially on the green, and then in Gilchrist hall as the nights drew in. The small colony has had fun exploring the local area as well as discussing potential local wildlife and hibernation. Pre second lockdown we spent some time discussing friendships as well as bonfire traditions, which culminated in enjoying some sparklers

together. I have to commend the Beavers on their sensible attitudes and great listening skills on sparkler night, and they proved they deserved their toffee apple treats that night.

Moving onto zoom has been an experience for us all (especially me trying to set them up and invite people to join), but the Beavers have been great company and become fully immersed in the Remembrance craft and armpit fudge making sessions! I look forward to any more suggestions Morgan.

*Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)*



## CUB NEWS



### Littlewick Pack

This month 3 of our Cubs managed to attend Scouts for the first time before lockdown 2.0. They had a great time on the green opposite Winter Hill before being presented with their Chief Scouts Silver Awards, well done Cubs.

We were also able to present a remembrance wreath at St John's Littlewick during a private ceremony. Compared to previous attendances it was a very strange experience, but important to mark the occasion in a Covid safe manner. There were also some great doorstep pictures shared in our closed Facebook group, well done if you took part.

We weren't able to implement our new structure based more on School bubbles before lockdown, but we're ready to go as soon as we're allowed and it's safe to do so. Remember we can still award badges at home, just upload pictures via OSM and they'll be ready to give out when we meet again, we also have our Facebook group to share Scouting related activities. Until we can restart again, stay safe!!

*LG Akela (Pete Matthews)*



## SCOUT NEWS



### Littlewick Troop

For Hallowe'en the scouts did some pumpkin carving. We did this on the green for a combination of maximum coronavirus safety and easy clean-up. There were some very good carvings, some destroyed pumpkins and everything in-between. The scouts then played some active games to warm up again.

Our following meeting had the second lockdown announcement looming. We did a compass challenge that evening. A grid of letters was laid out on the floor and each scout was given a course of directions to follow to collect letters. This was similar to an orienteering course but much more compact. Reading a compass and keeping on course at night proved difficult. This was the first meeting for *Alexander Davison*, *Ahmet Karapinar*, *Elliot Wilkinson* and *Harry Marland* moving up from the Littlewick Green cub pack. All of the cubs had earned their Chief Scout's Silver Award and *Akela* joined us to present the awards to the three who could attend. *Robbie Standen* had also earned his Chief Scout's Gold Award which we presented to him. Chief Scout's Awards are the culmination of many scouting achievements over time so well done to all. It was really good to squeeze this in for our last face to face meeting for a while.

Since then we have met twice on Zoom; once for building inuksuit and towers out of household items and the other for a quiz night. We will continue to meet via Zoom whilst that is the only option.



LG Scout Leader (*Mark Courtier*)

### Winter Hill Troop

We would like to welcome Cubs *Sam Wicks*, *Barney Harris* and *Jude Sanders* to the Troop, who are starting to do their *Moving Up Award*.



We have had a busy month started of with a Halloween evening with Pumpkin carving, a scary movie quiz and scary games.

The following week was on Remembrance, the Scouts listened to a reading "For the Fallen". They then found out about what the Scouts did in the wars.

Some PG Scouts had jobs during the war helping to support the war effort, from being Fire Warden at Maidenhead Railway Station to help collecting for the war effort. They also found some ex members of PG who died for our country in the Second World War. Sargent Pilot **Roy Leslie Peacock** RAF Aged 24 Killed when his plane crashed into the North Sea when returning from a raid on Germany, 14 August 1940. Sub Lieutenant **John Rowel** Fleet Air Arm. Aged 23 years. Lost at sea, 24 January 1945. Pilot Officer **Alec Bridgewater Broadbent** RAF. Aged 23 years, killed in action over Kassel, 22 October 1943.

A cooking evening was help with some very interesting results including some nice Heavenly Filled Strawberries.

Congratulations goes to Winter Hill Scouts Young Leader *Ben Almond* on being awarded the **Commissioner's Commendation Award** in recognition for their contribution to scouting at Winter Hill Scouts this year. Our DC *Rob Harris* was due to present the award the Friday we went in to lockdown, we will arrange a new date once we come out of lockdown.



WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S**

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

