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## GROUP NEWS

As all face-to-face Scout meetings, activities and events are still suspended the sections are still organising some virtual scouting for their members to do at home, via zoom meetings, emails and their Facebook pages.

In these challenging times, as we are slowly coming out of lockdown we will be looking into the possibility in the next few months of doing Scouting in small groups depending on the government and Scout Association rules. Thank you goes to one of our readers who sent us a photo of the Scout Hall, its still there, the grass on the green opposite the hall is getting even longer.

### #The Great Indoors

The Scout Association have set up a special web site for Beavers, Cubs, & Scouts for activities you can do at home. The number of activities they have as we go to press is over 200, new ideas are being added every week

[www.scouts.org.uk/the-greatindoors](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-greatindoors)

There are different activities for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.



### The Great Indoors Badge

Anyone over the age of six can have a go at the *Great Indoors Badge*.

The badge is not just about learning new skills, this is about bringing out what is already inside you! The different stages allow you to share what you've learnt and find a way to support your community.

**In Stage 1** you'll learn something new that can teach you something about yourself or the world around you.

**In Stage 2** you'll create a regular routine for yourself, and see how what you have learned can support your community.

**In Stage 3** you'll share what you've learned with someone else that can be used to help make the world a little better.

More Details [www.scouts.org.uk/the-greatindoors/the-greatindoors-badge/](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-greatindoors/the-greatindoors-badge/)



### PG Virtual Camp / Activity Day

Over the weekend we should have been holding our summer fair, we held a **virtual** activity day and camp where members of PG Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders, leaders, families and friends took part in a day of activities and those that wanted to camp over on the Saturday night. Camps were held in the garden, in a den, under the kitchen table or anywhere they wanted to at home.

On the Saturday there was a day of fun activities, quizzes and challenges which were complete at home with your own family. In the evening using zoom we held **Virtual Bingo** and saw some Cubs move up from both packs to the troops.

After the bingo those youngsters and families who wanted to had their own campfire, some toasted marshmallows. On Sunday morning some of the youngsters cooked breakfast for their parents

Thank you goes to *David Barnes* and *Mark Courtier* for running the event and *Sam Gillespie* (GSL 18th Maidenhead Scouts) for running an excellent Bingo event. Here are a selection of photos of the challenges and activities that were completed during the day including evening Virtual Bingo:



## GSLs Report

**VE Day badges** - They should arrive soon and will be sent out to all those that sent their leader a picture of their VE day party and decorated houses.

Stay safe.

*Erica Hunter* (Group Scout Leader)



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/)



## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Although lockdown stopped the newly reformed beaver colony meeting, we have been sending out badge and challenge work like the other sections. *Morgan* who has joined us since lockdown as already got his 1st nights away badge.

*Jasmey* and *Beatrice* have been doing their gardeners badge and very nearly finished. Looking forward to more badges after the family camp.

*GSL* (Erica Hunter)

### Winter Hill Colony



Another month of Virtual Scouting has continued and the beavers have been busy taking part in lots of different activities to earn badges.

They have tried new sports, considered people with disabilities and helped prepare their own lunch amongst many other things. Well done Beavers!

Three beavers have gained their Bronze Award (this is the highest badge that a beaver can earn) - well done to *William Grayson*, *Zoe Barnes* and *Raffa Paracino*. Well done to all the beavers for gaining your new badges, there's still time to earn more - we have no deadlines on the challenges!

On 20th June, a few beavers, leaders and their families took part in our first ever Virtual Family Camp. We all enjoyed taking part in the challenges and quizzes during the day then the family Bingo in the evening. Thanks to *David Barnes* and *Mark Courtier* for organising the day!

The following beavers are starting their 'virtual' transition to cubs: *Zoe Barnes*, *Raffa Paracino*, *William Grayson*, *Olly Wicks*, *Eden Howard*, *Henry Knowles* and *Reuben Cranch*. They will be able to take part in beaver and cub activities for the next few weeks and will swim up to cubs before the end of term.

We plan to have a zoom meeting soon, keep an eye on your emails!

*WH Tictac* (Tom Beynon)



## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack



resuming, as are the rest of us.

If anyone camped out on Saturday night as part of our virtual event don't forget to let me know or post an update to our FB group so I can keep Nights Away badges up to date.

Talking of badges we have seen 3 Home Help badges earned over the last few weeks, *Isla* has been busy helping her Mum a lot, sowing seeds, baking & helping cook meals and amazingly *Isla* has also done some sewing, making her own face mask. *Sophia* has been growing veg and has organised her family with rotas since lockdown & has helped with cooking roasts. *Will* has helped with house work and also growing veg, he has grown, harvested and prepared broad beans for the whole family's dinner. All badges are very well deserved !!



*LG Akela* (Pete Matthews)

### Winter Hill Pack

Another month of Virtual Scouting has continued and the cubs have been busy taking part in lots of different activities to earn badges.



a Scavenger Hunt. Everyone was challenged to find different items around their house to show on camera. Good fun was had by all.

On 20th June, lots of cubs, leaders and their families took part in our first ever Virtual Family Camp. We all enjoyed taking part in the challenges and quizzes during the day then the family Bingo in the evening. Thanks to *David Barnes* and *Mark Courtier* for organising the day!

We also said goodbye to *Alex Woodhead-Pavon* and *Edward Coppins* as they moved up to scouts 'virtually'. The two boys have had a very successful few years in cubs and we look forward to seeing what they do next in scouts.

We will have another zoom meeting on Wednesday 1st July - we look forward to seeing the cubs then!

We have set nature and environmental challenges as well as encouraging cubs to do jobs around the house and earn the home help badge.

The cubs have earned 49 badges so far, which will be delivered to their houses this week! This includes two cubs gaining their Silver Award (this is the highest badge that a cub can earn) - well done *Alex Woodhead-Pavon* and *Austin Wilson*. Well done to all the cubs for gaining your new badges, there's still time to earn more - we have no deadlines on the challenges!

We had our first 'zoom' cub meeting in June. 10 Cubs and several leaders met together for



*WH Akela* (Rob Harris)

## SCOUT NEWS

### Littlewick Troop

It has been a quiet month for the Littlewick troop but a number of scouts and their families took part in Virtual Group Camp. Congratulations to *Sam Cranch* and his family for winning the Challenges activity in the afternoon. They performed strongly across the full range of challenges.

In the evening we also welcomed *Jude Foley* and *Struan Haley* to the troop although a full investiture will have to wait until we are back together.

LG Scout Section Assistant (*Mark Courtier*)



### Winter Hill Troop



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

This month's zoom meetings have included various games and activities. We have also got the Scouts to bring a pet to the meeting, those without pets brought some interesting virtual pets. Scouts also had to get a photo taken of them which they had to be hidden in the picture, but you had to be able to identify them.

Last week the Scouts had to drop a fresh egg from a first story window without it breaking. They made some interesting devices, there are some videos on Troop Facebook page [www.facebook.com/pgscouts](http://www.facebook.com/pgscouts)

We had a lot of Scouts take part in PGs Virtual Camp, congratulations goes to *Alex Robins* on being award his ten years' Service award and *Jordan Day Hunt* on being awarded his five year Service award

We also welcomed two Cubs *Alex Woodhead-Pavon* and *Edward Coppins* who have completed their **Moving up Award** moved up from Cubs, during the Zoom event at PG camp

The following, thirteen: *Tyler Suddaby, Victor (& Austin) Wilson, Oliver Aerts, Edward Coppins, Benjamin Broadbent, Gabe Nicholson, Isambard Medhurst, Mateo* and *Alex Woodhead Pavon, Ben Almond* and *Nick Conacher* camped over on PG Virtual camp weekend.



We have continued to email the Scouts with their weekly *Thursday Email* with suggestions of what they can do at home. As well as holding weekly zoom meetings, which have been a challenge keeping everyone busy and involved.

Scouts have the choice of 60 Activity badges to a lot they can do or start at home: [members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64,779](http://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64,779)

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

*Simon Wheeler* (WH Scout Leader)



### Can You Help Us

We have some items that we would like to digitise

**Kodak 35mm Slides** – Before we had digital cameras we used to take photos on slides so we could show them at parent evenings – Does anyone know how to convert them to computer images – do you have a device we can borrow or can you do a few slides for us

**Old Printed Photos** – We also have a couple hundred photos that need to be converted in to computer images.

