



GROUP NEWS

November 2021



Christmas Trees - Thank you goes to everyone who placed an order for a Christmas Tree, this event is the only fund raising event we have been able to hold in 2021

Orders had to be in by Sunday 31st October

Due Covid-19, the size of the Scout Hall and ventilation, the Groups Parents Support Committee have decided that we will not be holding a Christmas fair this year.

Remembrance Sunday

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. *As we go to press* Pete Matthews (LG Akela) is sorting out the arrangements with the church.
- **Winter Hill** Beavers, Cubs, Scouts will attend the service at *St James the Less*, Stubbings. Remembrance Service at Stubbings this year will be a bit different due to Covid, we will only be taking part in a short service outside. Meet outside around the memorial (on the grass behind the memorial as usual) After the service by the memorial we march/walk off towards the car park entrance then disperse.



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

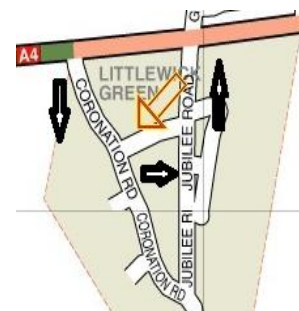
Date: **Sunday 14th November 2021 – 10.35am**

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

SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.



PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road -

Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your children 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 Drive Slowly down Golden Ball Lane below the 20mph Speed Limit

Park on the Scout Hall side of the road facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when it's dark.

Don't Park in the drive ways of Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House

PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Akela** and **Hathi** Winter Hill Cub leaders, *Jon* and *Catherine Corbitt* on the safe arrival on of their daughter *Amilie Elizabeth*.

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

Please make sure that you know your child's **Chest & waist size**..

The shop will be open every Thursday evening up to and including 9th December with the exception of 28th October (Half Term). **7pm – 8.45pm** and second Saturday of month, 13th November and 11th December – **10am – 12noon**

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

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

We do have some second hand uniform for sale,

For **Yellow PG Tee Shirts** please contact **Raksha** (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160 or at WH Beavers & Cubs

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop,**

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 you, 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 percentage 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/

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BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

This month the Beavers have been busy focusing on the cooks badge and international badge. They have roasted marshmallows over candles, which took a little patience, but of course they loved it. We had an evening on kitchen health and safety . Learning how to use a knife safely, how to properly wash hands and what makes a balanced diet.



The beavers also had an evening of trying foods from different countries. They tried food from India (samosa, onion Bhaji poppadom and chapatis) Greece (hummus, pitta bread, olives and feta cheese) and Mexico (tortillas chips salsa, guacamole) the beavers made the guacamole themselves. They Thoroughly enjoyed smashing the avocado chopping tomato and squeezing lime.

This month we said goodbye to *Mattie, Lottie* and *Freya* who swam up to Cubs to continue their scouting journey. We wish them well.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony



The autumn nights saw us change our times slightly (5.45-7pm) to try and maximise the evenings but sadly due to the weather we have started holding our meetings inside.

We've had a very informative and practical session with a local police officer, hosted an

international games night as well as displayed our collections.

We have been excited to invest two new Beavers and still have some time for some Halloween craft 😊.

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie),



CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

Water Safety

We learnt about water safety by watching a 20 min video from the 90's. After the video we had to act out what we would do if we saw a person drowning.

To act this out we had 6 people

- One person was the 999 services,
- the second person was the caller,
- the third person was the one drowning
- the 2 people pulled the drowning one out as the last one did CPR

To remember how to stay safe in the water five points:

- Don't go too far out
- Don't go in alone
- Stay between the flags if in the sea
- Swim in clean places
- Stay aware of your surroundings

And if you are at the sea don't go in if the water is too rough with waves AND LOOK AT THE FLAGS! The red one means don't go in, green means can go in, chequered flag means surfers, red and yellow means supervised place and yellow means caution.

Zach Howes

Road Signs

Today in Cubs I learned about road signs. We learned that the circle signs mean order, the triangle signs mean warning, and the square signs mean direction and information. I found out that a triangle sign with an aeroplane on it means low flying aircraft. At the end of the lesson, we did a quiz!

Reuben Lasocki



Akela Winter Hill (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

We have had a quite varied selection of meetings recently. First in the run was an evening of challenges based on those featured in the TV show Taskmaster. There was quite a variety of challenges, the most complex being a blindfolded obstacle course, where the scout giving the instructions (who could also see), was only allowed to say 3 words every 30 seconds. Commanding more than one person in this way is very difficult!



Since then we have moved indoors (but with maximum ventilation). We have done a meeting where the scouts designed and built catapults out of canes and elastic bands. Then we had a meeting making woggles, although this proved very difficult.



Stage 2 of a Turk's head knot is not intuitive and very fiddly with wire. Most recently we had a meeting making and then erupting "volcanoes". The volcano actually consisted of a painted cone hiding a small plastic bottle. The eruption was caused by the reaction between baking powder and vinegar. These proved quite dramatic, though some fine tuning of the reactants was required to get a good eruption.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop



We have continued to meet outside, Scouts have taken part in an orienteering event where they put their compass training into practice

We have also held a conker evening, this year we only had a couple of Scouts who knew how to play conkers, so the first challenge was to teach them how to.

We would like to welcome *Finn Chambers* and *Pranav Gunanathan* who have both made their Scout promises and been invested in to the Troop.

The Scouts will be running a Halloween (*Scary*) party for the Cubs during half term.

Friday 19 November we will be taking part in the District Night hike 7pm to 2am any Scout interested in taking part, please let Simon know.

HELP - Due to WH Troop leaders being away we are looking for other section leaders or parents to walk with the Scouts.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)



Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under six years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become six they can join.

We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late. If in doubt please check and ask. For *Winter Hill* and *Littlewick Beavers*, email *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth



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.