



GROUP NEWS

September 2021

We hope you have had a good summer holidays

Your child's section leader will update you with how they are running their meeting with Covid regulations.

Due to the size of the Winter Hill Scout Hall and ventilation, it has been decided that we will not be running any Jumble Sales or Christmas Fair this year.



PG Family Picnic (& AGM)

Chance to get together, after so long

Bring your own food, rugs/chairs!

ALL WELCOME!

When: Next Sunday 5 September 2021

Time: 2 to 4pm

Place: Family Camp Field (opposite Stubbings Nursery), Stubbings Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 6QL.

Field entrance next to Beech Lodge School, through wooden 5 bar gate.

Look for PG signs & do NOT park at the nursery!

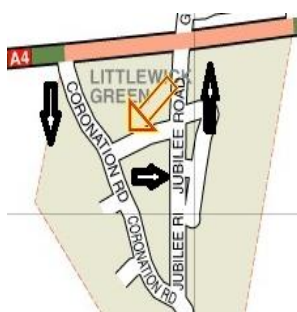
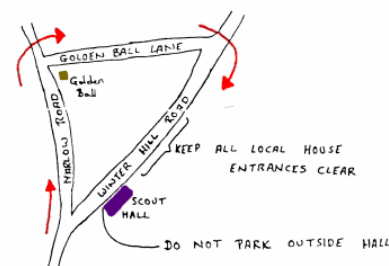
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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 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



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**



World Jamboree on the Air & Internet

We hope to be able to take part in this years JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) and JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet)

At the Scout Hall this year over the weekend October 15-17 2021 and be able to talk to Scouts all around the world via Amateur radio and the internet.

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping is *easyfundraising*.

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.

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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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Old Mobile Phones

Do you have an Old Mobile phone you no longer need.

We are looking for old phones we can use for activities / hikes etc. where we can put a pay as you go sim card in.

Even a very old NOKIA would be great.

If you can help us please let Simon know, email help@pgtips.org.uk



BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

We hope you've had a good summer. We look forward to welcoming you back to beavers on the Monday 13th September.

This term we will have all the usual meetings. The beavers will be doing some exciting activities this term some include, making clay models at the brick kiln, JOTI/JOTA (Jamboree on the air and Jamboree on the Internet) where they can communicate with other beavers, cubs and scouts across the world and of course our annual Halloween party.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



Littlewick Colony

We hope you have all had a great summer, had lots of fun and tried some new things maybe.

We are excited to be meeting back at 6 pm on Monday 6th September at the hall for our first Beaver session for the Autumn term.

We are looking forward to seeing you all, holding our first log chew of the term and making some great plans.

See you soon

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie),

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The first weekend in September Littlewick Cubs are off to camp, the cubs will be holding their camp near Crazies Hill, near Wargrave.

They will be holding a traditional Cub camp sleeping in Patrol tents, activities will include archery and cooking omelettes in a plastic bag.



SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

Hope you all have had a good Summer break, our first meetings of the autumn term will be 7.30pm on Monday 6th September.

Scout Leader Littlewick (Mark Courtier)

Winter Hill Troop

SUMMER CAMP - We managed to hold a Camp this summer for the Scouts. On 21 June the Government changed the rules, we could take max of 30 Scouts away camping under some restrictions. This was a challenge. We had to ask the Scouts if they wanted to go away on camp, find enough leaders to help run it, find a field to camp in, sort out the activities, food, transport, equipment (a lot is stored at a local farm) and a detailed programme. Plus produce a camp booklet, which everyone who attended got a copy. I only had four weeks to organise our summer camp, which normally is done in nine months.



The Scouts would be in a bubble and have to sleep in their own tent, we would have strict hygiene rules to follow and have to do lateral flow tests.

A site was found in Oxfordshire, Britwell Salome, in a forty-four acre field, with a wooded area in one corner, so we had plenty of space. Six Troop leaders were able to camp for ten days. The next thing was to send a letter to the Scouts. We had six spare spaces, so we offered them to first six Littlewick Scouts who replied, these places were filled within a couple of days and we ended up with a waiting list.



The next challenge was to sort out the activities, we were lucky that we were able to organise shooting, thank you to PG instructors *Darran Cottington, James Woodward & Ali Butler* for running this activity; Archery thank you to instructors *Matthew Milston & Pete Matthews* for running this activity; Rafting and climbing, thank you goes to PG instructor *Rob Ayre* for running these activities. We were also able to organise a lot of other activities run by the leadership team, these activities included, making rope ladders and using them to climb tall trees, hiking, building a shelter and sleeping in hammocks, volley ball & cooking competitions as well as the normal camp scouting activities, training and games. One strange activity was having to do Lateral Flow Tests, on arrival day and every 48 / 72 hours, plus day we went home.

Covid caused a few Scouts problems, six scouts were in isolation and arrived a few days late and a couple were not able to attend due to the virus. We had to take extra equipment, due to social distancing each Patrol had two dining shelters / tables to given them more space. We also took a party tent so we could have a clean big area to do the lateral flow test. Another challenge was having to empty and clean the *elsan* toilets every day.



As we had not been able to hold a summer camp for two years, we had twenty-two Scouts who had not been on a Scout camp before, they all did very well working together in their Patrols, learning cooking skills, including cooking their meals on wood, and surviving camping in strong winds and rain for part of the camp.

Congratulations goes to *Panthers* for winning the volley ball competition and *Swifts* for winning the camp competition.

Thank you goes to parents who helped with preparations for the camp and Leaders *Myles Rankin* who was able to stay for three nights and leaders *BoB Weingarth, John Bannerman, Rob Ayre, Peter Marshall, Matthew Miller, Callum Kunchur* and *Nick Conacher* for all their help.

We updated the web site every day at camp, with photos. PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk .



2022 Summer Camp – next years camp, plans are underway, it will be further away so we can do different activities, possibly to Cornwall Dates will be Friday 22 July 2022 to Friday 4 August 2022 with the younger Scouts going for a shorter time. Scouts parents will be getting a letter this month.

Summer Holidays - we continued to run meeting during the summer holidays, activities included wide games, some challenge events as well as some basic cooking, we have had a good number of Scouts attending the meetings.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)