



GROUP NEWS

October 2018



JOTI and JOTA

We are hoping to hold again this year at our Scout Hall *International JOTA - Jamboree on the Air & JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet*

Date: **Saturday 20th Oct. 10am to Sunday 21st Oct. approx. 2pm**

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part.

Cubs and Scouts WILL be able to do an activity badge on Saturday START 10am & 2pm. and **Sunday 10am** (Takes about 3 hours to complete)

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

61st Jamboree on the Air - 20th-21st October 2018

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GB0PG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have *Bill Somerville* and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge, on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

The Jamboree on the Air in which half a million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. The use of amateur radio means that many Scouts get the opportunity to discover the skills of wireless radio techniques and electronics. JOTA is also the only event that offers each individual Scout the opportunity to speak to other Scouts across the world.



21st Jamboree on the Internet - - 20th-21st October 2018

The 2018 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 20th JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world in a similar way to JOTA, but using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info/> to find out more



JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.

The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self

During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events

CONGRATULATIONS Akela(s)



At Cub Camp, Akela (Winter Hill Pack) *Rob Harris* (left) was presented with his twenty year service award and Akela (Littlewick Pack) *Pete Matthews* (right) was presented his Wood Badge after completing his adult training by District Commissioner *Graham Parkins*



Project Africa 2019

Matthew Miller a PG Young Leader is taking part in a County 2019 Project Africa. Here is his report on a training weekend he attended in September:

Project Africa is a trip that Berkshire scouts are currently running where a group of explorers travel to Uganda and help build schools for the Ugandan children. The project has run twice in the past, so we might be going back to some of the previous school and giving them a little TLC. It lasts about three weeks, but we will have the opportunity to go on a safari, do white water rafting and other exciting things.



Last weekend we had our first training camp for Project Africa. When we arrived on the Friday night, the marques were all already set up for us which was a nice change. After everyone had set up their tents, we had hot chocolate and went off to bed.

The next day, we woke to a thick fog. After everyone was up, breakfast was served. It consisted of burned porridge and hard-boiled eggs. After this we got into our Patrols. They were all named after animals that you would see in a Ugandan safari, I was in Ngo (leopard). We did a variety of bases including: teamwork, food safety, health and hygiene etc. Partway through the bases, we had lunch which seemed a bit unusual. We got given a whole melon, a whole pineapple, two carrots, a pack of tomatoes and a loaf of bread!

After lunch, we learnt how to build a brick wall and made a wooden bridge. Once we finished, we started cooking our dinner on fires, which was vegetable stew. It took ages! Clearly our fire wasn't hot enough. After what seemed like an eternity, we ate. A campfire was built and we all sat around it. After we had finished singing songs, we headed off to bed. Breakfast the next day was scrambled eggs and porridge again. I had learnt my lesson from the day before and added about 6 packets of sugar to my bowl. After breakfast was cleared away, we started with the bases again. This time we made traditional Ugandan flatbread and went on a hike. We packed away our tents and had another weird lunch: this time we had leftover stew with three cucumbers and flatbread. Soon after this, we were lucky enough to have a Ugandan man come to talk to us about mercy scouts and illness in Uganda.

CHRISTMAS TREES 2018

PG will be selling them again
Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Littlewick
Green area
Order Form will be with Novembers PG
Tips or on web www.pgscouts.org.uk



We are LOOKING FOR:

- Old car batteries which we can use for lighting
- Elastic bands, like the postman use
- A4 Coloured paper

Chewing/ Bubble Gum

Can we remind all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers that **Chewing and Bubble Gum is BANNED** from the Scout Hall and all Scouting activities that they take part in, as members of PG. The reason is that Chewing & Bubble gum can be dangerous if swallowed. It is also VERY antisocial when left on the Scout Hall floor, on table, chairs etc.

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

We hope you all had a good a good summer and would like to welcome you back. This term we have some new faces at beavers and welcome *Raffa Parracino, Zoe Barnes, Zachary Juden, Alex Konrad and Reuben Lasocki.*



We have started the term with a games night and decorating the wheelbarrow for the Harvest Festival service.

The beavers will be doing some exciting activities this term including, 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 run by the Scouts.

Tic Tac (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

We had a good welcome back meeting from the summer holidays. The beavers tried out new games and had lots of fun there was also some new beavers.

As the weather was so good we were able to do tent pitching on the green, where the beavers were able to help put up a Scout Patrol tent

Lots of fun is happening. We have had some beavers Swim Up to Cubs and we've welcomed some new ones too.



Wiley (Mark Bromley)

CUB NEWS



PG 2018 Cub Camp in Cookham, 7th-9th September 2018

Winter Hill Pack

After a peaceful summer break, we started the new term with Cub Camp. We took 51 cubs from both packs to Furze Platt Scout Group's Campsite in Cookham.



The cubs took part in a full programme of activities including cooking bread twists on an open fire, archery and wall climbing. All the cubs had a great time and took part in all the activities provided for them. They enjoyed the food (mainly the cakes!) and the campfire.

Thank you to all the leaders who helped to make sure we had a fun weekend which ran very smoothly. We are very lucky to have a strong leader team at Pinkneys Green and leaders from all sections helped out over the weekend. Thank you: *Simon Wheeler, Tom Beynon, Catherine Corbitt, Avril Broadley, John Brooker, Barry Palmer, David Barnes, Richard Stevenson, Erica Hunter, Sheila Stinton, Pete Matthews, Ali Butler, Matthew Dixon, Matthew Milston; Young Leaders: Nick Conacher, Dhruv Meta, Matthew Miller, Eloise Pocock, Issy Lazenby, Patrick Russell and Scouts William Atkinson and Dan Wallace (camp fire lead extraordinaire!).*

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the pitching and striking of the camp – it was great to have so many of you there. Special thanks to *Holly* and the use of the van from St David's Stores and to *Gareth Evans* and *John Wilson* for helping us unload the van on Sunday.

Over the coming term, we plan to have an international evening, carve pumpkins and work towards our communicator badges.

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)



Littlewick Pack

We started the term with Camp, the largest in a long time with over 50 cubs.

The Cubs spent Saturday learning archery skills, rope making, blind fold tent pitching, first aid, team activities, countryside code, backwoods cooking, and lots of team activities including acting and performing around the camp fire, with lashings of hot chocolate to keep us warm. Sunday was a busy morning as along with more fun activities the cubs took down their own tents and each team took part in the assault course. Thank you to all parents that helped pitch tents beforehand and helped strike camp on Sunday.



We said a fond farewell to our older cubs who have moved up, *Sam Cranch* and *Luke Shaw* joining Littlewick Scouts and *Bailey Clarke* joining Winterhill Scouts, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you at Cub/Scout events or as Young Leaders in the future.

We have also welcomed four Beavers and two new starters, *Oliver Rankin, Orlaith O'Hanlon, Hannah Roth, Hannah Peck, Harry Wheeler & Theo Murphy*. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

By the time this is printed the Cubs will also have been to Taplow lake and put their knot tying skills to the test with raft building, I'm sure it went swimmingly well. What a fantastic start to the Autumn term!

LG Akela (*Pete Matthews*)

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SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

Welcome back to Scouts and welcome to those who have moved from cubs – *Sam Cranch* and *Luke Shaw*!



Moving up from Littlewick Cubs to Littlewick Scouts at Cub Camp

We have an exciting term ahead with a computer evening, pumpkin carving and flag making all on the agenda. Watch this space for more news over the coming months

LG Scout Leader (*Sam Gibbins*)

Winter Hill Troop

Scout meetings continued through the summer holidays doing lots of activities in the woods, improving the Scouts Scouting skills.

The past few weeks have been busy, delivering the Jumble Sale flyers, taking part in wide games at Cookham Dean Common, (as we were unable to use the Scout hall, due to the Jumble Sale)



We would like to welcome *Isaac Stevenson*, *Bailey Clarke* and *Tom Atkinson* to the Troop, who will be starting their moving up award from Cubs

We are looking for Scouts to take part in the District cycle event, 10.30am on Sunday 7th October. Parents, we are looking for help to cycle with a group of Scouts.

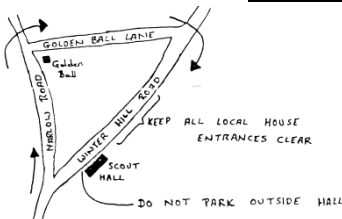
We are looking for help from Scouts, running the Cub Halloween party on Wednesday during half term, 24th October.

JOTA/JOTI Saturday 20th October, any Scout or Young leader that would like to stay over, please contact Simon for more details

District Cooking Competition, will be held on Saturday 10th November, at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking for a team of three Scouts to represent Winter Hill

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)

YOUNGSTERS SAFETY 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.

