



GROUP NEWS

August 2023



September, we have our AGM on Saturday 9th September at on the Saturday evening at our Family camp at Stubbings.

We also have our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 30 September.

The Scouts are camping in Cornwall for a couple of weeks.

Family (Group) Camp – September 2023

Reminder, this year we will again be holding a Family Camp where the whole of the Pinkneys Green scouting family (Littlewick & Winter Hill) can join together for a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities!



The camp will take part over the weekend: Friday 8th - Sunday 10th Sept 2023.

The weekend programme will include:

- setting up camp on Friday evening
- family-friendly activity bases on Saturday morning
- camp games for all on Saturday afternoon
- a Chip Supper, Group AGM and campfire on Saturday evening
- more activities on Sunday morning
- striking of camp on Sunday afternoon; and having lots of fun !

What are the camping arrangements?

- Squirrels & Beavers may only camp with a family group. I.e. sleep in the family tent/caravan/camper.
- Cubs will camp with their Pack in single-sex patrol tents and will be catered for by Leaders.
- Scouts and YLs will camp with their Troop in hike tents and will be catered for by the Leaders.
- Family Groups need to provide their own tent/caravan/camper, catering equipment and food for them and their Squirrels and Beavers. We will try to assist if you need any camping equipment.
- Drinking water, waste disposal and portaloos facilities will be provided for all.

Camping's not my thing... do I have to camp if my Squirrel/Beaver/Cub/Scout wants to camp?

- If **Squirrels'/Beavers'** parent(s) / guardian(s) do not want to camp, then Squirrels/Beavers and their parents(s) / guardian(s) are welcome to join Family Camp at any point during the weekend as 'day visitors'.
- **Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders** can absolutely camp with their Pack/Troop even if their families do not wish to attend or camp.

All members should have received a letter. Copy: <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/FamilyCamp2023.pdf>

Online Booking Form (Inc. option if you just want to join us Saturday evening):

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/PGScoutGroup/PinkneysGreenScoutGroupFamilyCamp2023>

Where you can register to attend and order any Chip Supper tickets for the Saturday evening (including menu choice pre-order to speed things up!)

Please remember to book your place for Family Camp, any adults that wish to camp we need to do a Scouting DBS check so the sooner we can do these the more likely the check will be back in time.



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

August 2023

<u>Week</u>	<u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u>	<u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u>
Week 1 Sunday 6 th August			10.00am Parish Service
Week 2 Sunday 13 th August		11.30am Hymns and <u>Pimms</u>	
Week 3 Sunday 20 th August	10.00am Riverside service		
Week 4 Sunday 27 th August			10.00 <u>am</u> Parish Service

Party Tents For Hire

As part of our fund-raising activities hire our Party Tents, which are suitable for garden parties. We have various sizes available.

Party Tent 4m x 4m (13.12ft x 13.12ft)
Party Tent 4m x 8m (13.12ft x 26.25ft)

We ONLY hire in the Maidenhead area, prices on application and this includes Pitching and Insurance. Our tents are only available for secure sites and are best suited to Garden Parties and enclosed secure sites. For more details, prices and availability please contact our Marquee Coordinator

e-mail: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Squirrel, Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm at some meetings during the summer months. They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform.

If you need a new PG T shirt (£10 each), these are available from

Raksha (Mrs. Sheila Stinton), Tel: 01628 628160
76, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN



25th World Scout Jamboree

Winter Hill Scout Young Leader *Joel Wallace* will be representing PG as part of the Berkshire Scout Unit.

The Jamboree will be taking part 1st – 12th August in Korea. The UK is sending 4,500 members to join over 40,000 Scouts from most countries in the world. The event aims to bring young people from around the world aged between 14 and 18

together for an exciting programme of global development, peace, cultural understanding, adventure, fun and friendship.

Our GSL *Erica Hunter* has gained a place as part of the UK International service team and will be helping at the Jamboree.

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

The summer term has been a busy one for the Squirrels.

The squirrels had an evening on water safety. They learnt all about the dangers of the water and how to be safe with the help of some instructors.

One evening we hiked from Cookham to Bourne End. They visited the chip shop before getting the train back. Another evening the squirrels did some cooking on a fire pit, we cooked sausages and toasted marshmallows.

The Squirrels, with the help of the Scouts, did some tent pitching and the Squirrels had their story in the tent. They then played a game of rounders before taking down the tent. The Scouts were really good at teaching the Squirrels what to do.

The final evening of the term was a traditional campfire with all the parents. The squirrels all brought and told a joke. Thank you everyone for all your support. We wish you all a great summer.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

A busy few weeks prior to end of term! A couple of the Squirrels successfully completed their Chief Acorn Award so congratulations to them with other Squirrels hot on their tails!

We had a brilliant evening building dens and working towards our Brilliant Builder badges, and then the week after we built a den for our Squirrel mascot. End of term has come quickly; have a brilliant summer, everyone!



Tuftly Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Green Beavers have had a great year and to finish it off this week we went on a hike and enjoyed sharing chips in the woods. Last week we learnt how to pitch a patrol tent (ready for family camp!).

We are a lovely group and each Beaver enhances the colony in many ways. The other leaders and I love their energy and enthusiasm and it makes a Monday evening great fun. We also enjoy having the help from our young leaders (*Sam* and *Alys*) who contribute each week and thanks to all the parents who help out too.

Enjoy your summer holidays Beavers and we will see you in September.



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

Another busy month for the Beavers.

The beavers had a hike to Hurley lock and learnt all about how the lock works. Another evening the beavers went to the brick works and had an evening making things out of clay. Lots of models were made. We had an evening on den building. The beavers got into the woods looked for the best spot and learnt what makes a good den before going off and collecting things to make a den. Finally the beavers finished off with our traditional campfire. The beavers really enjoyed singing all the traditional campfire songs. We hope everyone has a great summer. See you in September.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS



Littlewick Pack

We have had a busy month at Littlewick. The cubs all enjoyed working towards their science badge completing a range of experiments.

Then a change of day meant that we could go and learn some firelight skills. The cubs showed great team work and resilience which meant that all cubs started their own little fire, learning about fire safety as we went. The evening ended with some tasty toasted marshmallows.

We are ending the term with a trip to the fire station a good link back into fire safety and learn about the job.

We hope the cubs all have a great summer!

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)

Winter Hill Pack

Winter Hill Cubs have spent the last few weeks doing various activities, these included Tent pitching, Plant and Tree identification, trails and fire lighting. All of these counted towards challenge and Activity badges. Last week we did a selection of new games and challenges. Our final week of the term was building Dens/shelters in the woods. At the end of the meeting we have out a large amount of badges and 2 Silver Chief Scout Awards to *Freddie Comie* and *Jack Whitehead*.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

SUMMER CAMP

Over Forty Members of PG, are currently camping in a very wet North Cornwall near coast at Glenny.

The Scouts will have a busy programme of activities, which include we hope some sun.

Special Thank You goes to the leaders who managed to get time off work and to the parents who have helped us get away.



Photos are being updated while the Scouts are at camp, on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk Full report in Septembers PG Tips.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Littlewick Troop



We have had an easy going end to the term. One meeting the scouts split into teams to build shelters in the woods, though this did become a slight competition with me judging build quality and design. The following meeting the scouts made the most of the woods, playing wide games. Rain briefly interrupted our outdoor stint the following meeting, but we returned to outdoors with firelight and equipment preparation for summer camp for our last meeting of term. Many thanks to *Ben Almond* for stepping up and leading some of these meetings.

We ended our final meeting of the term handing out many well-earned badges including three Chief Scout Gold Awards for *Ben, Fabien* and *Tom*. We cover much of what is needed for Chief

Scout Gold Awards during our normal programme, but there are always some gaps, which these three have been working to fill over the last couple of terms.

We now break for the summer. The first meeting of the autumn term will be the 4th September. Many thanks to *Peter, Ben* and the other occasional leaders who have helped make this term happen.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

Last month, the Scouts ran a meeting for the Squirrels, they helped the Squirrels put up at patrol tent and organised some games.

The Scouts continued to do the Athletic badge making sure they knew how to warm up before doing the challenges.

The Scouts also spent a wet evening checking the tents and equipment for summer camp.

We would like to welcome new members *Nathan Haynes* and *Leo Murrill* plus their families to the Troop and PG.



Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)