



## GROUP NEWS

February 2023



We can confirm that we will be holding a Family (Group) camp over the weekend 8-10 September, all families and friends will be invited to join us for the weekend.

Race Evening in February has had to be postponed as soon as we have a new date we will let all you know.

Did you know - Pinkneys Scout Group was registered on 6th February 1909. We are still using the same building 114 years later.

## St Georges Day Event

All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Maidenhead at this year's District St Georges Afternoon Event. Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngster, more details near the event.



Please make a note of the date – **SATURDAY 22nd April 2023, 2pm-4.15pm.**

## CALLING ALL PARENTS AND PG FRIENDS

Trustees help behind-the-scenes with organising and governance, meeting monthly via Zoom, as well as face to face when they want to roll their sleeves up.

We are looking for new Trustees to bring their own skills, knowledge and experience to the PG Scout Executive Committee.



People who:

- ✓ can see things from different viewpoints
- ✓ are passionate about supporting their community
- ✓ want to support young people receive skills for life.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers>

Great for professional development, gaining experience in strategic planning, finance, risk management etc.

If you want to discuss further, please contact:

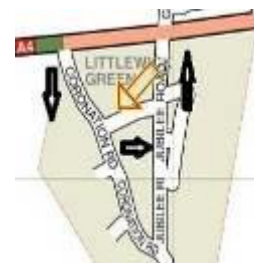
Chair: Natasha ([natasha\\_medhurst@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:natasha_medhurst@yahoo.co.uk))

## SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

**LITTLEWICK GREEN** - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up your children from *Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs*

**Don't 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!



**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 *Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts*, **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**



## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

February 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>
<b>Week 1</b> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am God through Music	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion
<b>Week 2</b> Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4:00pm Family Service
<b>Week 3</b> Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
<b>Week 4</b> Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	

### New Years Morning Walk 2023

This year thirty-six walkers took part in our annual New Year's morning walk... The walk started off at the National Trust car park next to the cricket club; from there it went through Pinkneys Farm to Hindhay Farm, then down Hindhay Lane to Cannon Court Lane then up Malders Lane, past the water reservoir, then past the National Trust Brick & Tiles works nature reserve. Crossing Winter Hill Road, using the footpath behind Golden Ball Lane, to the Golden Ball pub. Then crossing Furze Platt road, returning to the Cricket pitch car park across the green. Which has some very wet and boggy areas in.



### Has your Child's lost their Coat

In the porch of the Scout Hall, we have eight coats ranging from Beaver up to a small adult. **NONE OF THE COATS** as far as we can see, have a name in them.

If you child has lost a coat in the last couple months, please check to see if we have got it.

### Outgrown your Uniform or Moved Section

If you have a uniform jumper, shirt, shorts, trousers or Yellow PG Tee shirt that **your child has outgrown** or no longer requires, please donate it to us. Please give it to a leader, so it can go in the second hand uniform box.

### Uniform

Can we remind ALL Squirrel, 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. For more details, plus map for directions:

<http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop>

Please make sure that you know your child's **Chest & waist size**. The shop will be open every Thursday evening except for half term.

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

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 8.45pm**

(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

**10am to 12 noon**

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze  
(Behind Magnet)



### Used Postage Stamps

A big thank you goes to everyone who has collected and dropped of used postage stamps we are collecting for the RNIB.

We are still collecting stamps, please save them for us when they come through your post box or at your work. Please put them through the Scout Hall letter box or give them to your child's leader.



## Volunteer to Drive A Minibus

We are looking for an Adult over 25 to drive a minibus for Scout camp this year, the dates we are looking for help are Saturday 22nd July or Wednesday 26th July or Friday 4th August 2023

For more details, please contact Simon [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)

## Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 4 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 4 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 Littlewick and Winter Hill, email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com) with your child's name and date of birth.

## 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 Morrisons 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/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)



## Parents – Hall Cleaning Rota

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the hall Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.

We need to sort a rota out for this term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form via [www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean/](https://www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean/)

Anytime between **Tuesday morning** (Weds only before 6pm, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and **Fridays before 5pm**.

Thank You goes to all the parents who helped, it was a great help.

## 12 Volt Batteries

We are looking for 12 Volt batteries to run our LED lights at camp

If you have a working car battery that you no longer require it would be a great help to us.

Please email [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk)





## **SQUIRREL NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Drey**

Happy New Year. The squirrels kicked off the term with an evening playing games and talking about New Year's resolutions. We spoke about what it meant and how we can learn to improve ourselves. We also reinforced our golden rules. The second week of the



term the squirrels built and decorated a kite in aid of International kite day. The story was I am a tiger. We talked about what it meant. Celebrated in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, the International Kite Festival is primarily the celebration of Makar Sankranti which symbolises a lot of new beginnings and a good omen. We also had another week on Chinese New Year when we played some games, made window flowers and had a go at using chopsticks. In the coming weeks we have an evening on Burns night and Valentine's Day.

***Tic Tac Winter Hill*** (Tom Beynon)

### **Littlewick Drey**

We've had some fun since coming back from Christmas! We've welcomed a new Squirrel and taught her the golden rules, our favourite games and used our kindness to make her feel welcome! Working towards the Challenge Badges, the Squirrels have been drawing pictures to send to our 'pen-Dreys' in Lancing (Sea Squirrels!) and Hull!



We've drawn our favourite things about where we live and the view from our bedroom windows. The Squirrels have also used their team-working skills to make new games and teach the others in the Drey, and we've also talked about those who help us in our lives - including what happens when we call 999! Bushy has also been reading us stories!

***Tufty Littlewick*** (Hannah Smith)

## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

Littlewick Green Beavers have started the New Year with great enthusiasm. Last week we enjoyed our log chew and some team games and this week we looked at encouraging wildlife into our gardens and made bag stations-something we will continue as the spring arrives. We have invested one new Beaver this year so far, seen some lovely friends move up to cubs and welcomed some potential new Beavers as well.







**Rainbow Littlewick** (Sarah Brodie)

### **Winter Hill Colony**

The term started with an evening on calendar making. We spoke about what we did over Christmas, played some games and made some calendars. The beavers designed a picture of the seasons.

The second night of the term was games night, with some getting to know you games. We welcomed the new Beavers and spoke about our interests and played some name games so everyone could learn and remember everyone's name and a game of finding pairs.

**Tic Tac Winter Hill** (Tom Beynon)



## **CUB NEWS**



### **Littlewick Pack**

The cubs were all excited to be back after the Christmas break and had good amounts of energy to burn off. Lots of team building games were needed to welcome our new cubs and it was lovely to see our older cubs stepping up and supporting them.

We have also had a good refresher regarding maps and orientation, the cubs were eager to share the answers and show their knowledge.

No room for any January blues with their level of enthusiasm for a fresh year of activities.

A great end to what has been a fantastic year for the cubs.

**Rama Littlewick** (Emma de Goede)

### **Winter Hill Pack**

Cubs have returned after the Christmas break, we started the term having a pack forum, what they like doing over the last terms and what they would like to do.

We also spoke about what they received for Christmas and what they gave.

We celebrated the Chinese new year by making Dragons.

**Baloo Winter Hill** (Erica Hunter)



## SCOUT NEWS

### HALF TERM – Running Cubs Activities on the Green

We are looking for help from Scouts running Cubs Wednesday during half term. 15th February 5.45pm – 8pm. We will be setting up an assault course on the green and a blind trail in the woods, plus Matchstick Puzzle.

If you are not away at half term, and not doing anything and can help (**All Scouts** can help). You will need to wear your uniform, waterproof coat & boots, plus bring pair shoes to wear in hall.



### Littlewick Troop

For our first meeting of the year we ran through different first aid scenarios. We split into groups and one scout had to act out an injury. The rest of the team then discussed what was wrong and what they would do.



A couple of each team had a first aid guide to look up what the correct answer was. We also did an arm sling tying relay.

For our second meeting of the term we played a game based around world trade. Scouts were teamed up to represent 6 countries which were split into 3 levels of trading power. They had to manufacture goods (shapes cut out of paper) to earn money, with the most successful winning. However the resources (paper), tools (scissors, measuring equipment) and knowledge (understanding how to earn bonus points) was shared unevenly depending on each country's respective level of trading power. To succeed the scouts had to negotiate trade between each other, with very few rules imposed by the leaders, but they quickly found out the uneven levels of power strongly affected what each country could or could not do. At the end we discussed what everyone experienced and how they felt about being part of an unfair game/system.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (Mark Courtier)

### Winter Hill Troop

January, we started off first two meeting the Scouts completed the Emergency Aid Stage 3 Badge. Including CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use a defibrillator. Well done to all the Scouts who put in a lot of work to gain the badge.



The following week the Scouts discussed and wrote a Code of Conduct, which they took home and discussed with their parents.

Alex Woodhead Pavón, Austin Wilson and Edward Coppins attended the District Patrol leaders training course, where they joined 36 other Scouts from other Maidenhead Troops.

Last week, the Scouts had a challenge to design and build a bridge out of newspaper that a model boat could go underneath and see which one could carry the heaviest weigh. The Scouts built some interesting structures.



**Scout Leader Winter Hill** (Simon Wheeler)