



## GROUP NEWS

April 2024

We are still looking for a parent volunteer to help with organising the Raffle for our Summer Fair.

We hope all members of PG will be able to join the other Scout groups, at the District St Georges Afternoon.

**Census** - This year at the Scout Association Census, we have **225 members**, made up of **28 Squirrels**, **39 Beavers**, **39 Cubs**, **60 Scouts**, plus leaders. We also have **10 Young Leaders**.



## District St Georges Day Event



All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & leaders, will be receiving details about this years District St Georges afternoon event, via their sections.

**SUNDAY 21st April 2024, 2pm-4.15pm**

Meet us at Oldfield School (Bray Road SL6 1UE) by 1.55pm.

**To avoid creating a traffic jam** by cars crossing the road in front of the school can all parents and leaders approach Oldfield School **from the Bray direction**, not Maidenhead.

**All members to wear full uniform**, plus bring a small bag containing a drink and waterproof coat.

We really encourage every Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event, as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us of what being part of the scouting movement is all about, plus take part in an hour of fun packed activities. We will be joining members from the other eleven Scout groups in Maidenhead. Parents are welcome to come along as well.

The collection this year is going to support **Thames Valley Adventure Playground (TVAP)** A charity that offers a unique range of adventurous, therapeutic and educational play activities in a safe, caring and stimulating environment, catering for both children and adults with all types of disability, however mild or profound. [www.tvap.co.uk](http://www.tvap.co.uk) suggested donation £1-£2.

## PG Summer Fair

**Volunteers** - We would like some volunteers to help with the summer fair. **Raffle prizes** – Organise printing and distribution of raffle tickets.

If you can help us, please email our GVL *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

**Gardeners** - Gardeners, can we please ask for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out.

**Fair Date Sunday 23rd June**



## Lawn Mower

If you have an old petrol or battery lawn mower you no longer require, we are looking for one for this summer to cut the short path, which goes across the green opposite the Scout Hall. Any ideas or suggestions, please contact Simon: [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)



# BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

## APRIL 2024

<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 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 God Through Music	18.00 BCP Evensong	9.15 Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	
Week 3 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30 Holy Communion	9.00 Come to the Table	

## Littlewick Cubs HAVE SPACES

### 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.

### 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 waiting list** so that when they reach four, they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask. Email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

- **Squirrels** are 4-6 Year Olds
- **Beavers** are 6 – 8 Year Olds
- **Cubs** are 8 – 10 Year Olds

**COME AND EXPLORE** <sup>cubs</sup>

Littlewick Cubs  
Gilchrist Hall, Littlewick Green  
Wednesday 6.30 -8pm  
Girls and Boys aged 8 to 10.5 years  
Free trial, come and see what we do.  
For more info email [lg.akela@gmail.com](mailto:lg.akela@gmail.com)

We also have Squirrels age 4 & 5 yrs or Beavers age 6 & 7 for more information contact [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com) 07899 075203

Web site - [pgscouts.org.uk](http://pgscouts.org.uk)

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### 12 Volt Batteries

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

If you have a working car battery etc. that you no longer require it **would be a great help to us**, please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)



Three members of PG, *Winter Hill Scouts*, Young Leaders *Victor Wilson & Oliver Aerts*, plus Leader *Kieran Patel* joining the county group of youngsters & leaders from all the districts in Berkshire. The group going, consists of 55 youngsters, between 14-16 and 34 leaders. They are going to Malawi this summer to help build schools, with charity

*Joshua in Malawi* [www.joshuainmalawi.org.uk/](http://www.joshuainmalawi.org.uk/) . They will be also be painting informational murals and working with local communities.

They had a training weekend in March. We hope to have a report in our next PG Tips,

## 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 you 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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

**Raise funds for Pinkneys Green Scouts every time you shop online**

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/>

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easyfundraising feel good shopping £20 Million raised 1.2 Million users 100,000 causes

## Chewing/ Bubble Gum

Can we remind all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders that **Chewing and Bubble Gum is BANNED** from the Scout Hall and all Scouting activities that they take part in, as members of PG.

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 8.45pm**  
(Term Time)

Opens After Easter Holidays  
Thursday 18th April

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

### 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**.

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

## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey



The Squirrels had a night of Lego. The Squirrels had to plan their designs by drawing them out, then build and put their plans into action. For world book day the Squirrels brought in their favourite book and created new stories using the characters. We had one story where paw patrol teamed up with Spider-Man to save Elsa and Prince Charming from the wicked witch.

One night we looked at charity. We spoke about Red Nose Day and identified that some people that Red Nose Day helps don't have a lot of food. We spoke about Maidenhead food share and wanted to make it part of our community impact project. We then designed some posters.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

### Littlewick Drey



At the end of February *Tufty* (Hannah Smith) went on maternity leave from Squirrels and I am please to say that *Harriett* arrived safely on 7th March. In the meantime *Karen Hope* (District Chair and a leader) and I with share attending Squirrels each week.

*Tufty* came to visit with *Harriet*, the Squirrels were very excited to meet their new squirrel.

This month the Squirrels has a great time playing detectives looking for a lost coin, reading their favourite stories for World Book day and learning all about different food the Hungry Caterpillar likes.



*Baloo* (Erica Hunter)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been excited to undertake our first hike of 2024, and the Beavers were so diligent at litter picking we even over ran! 14 of us also attended the district Beaveree and had a great afternoon in early March. We were fortunate to collect some lovely flowers from Lavender Green (a floral recycling charity in Windsor) which acted as our fundraiser for the Beaveree/Project Africa and Mother's Day combined. We also celebrated World Book day together by sharing some of our favourite books.



This week we spent the evening predicting experiments which was great fun and involved a lot of discussion. We are also very excited to have invested several new Beavers recently and three more investing next week! But most of all We are excited by the lighter nights and the opportunity to get back outdoors.

*Rainbow Littlewick* (Sarah Brodie)



## Winter Hill Colony

This month the Beavers, as always, have been busy.

The Beavers had an evening where they had to identify flags, and colour them in. Then we invested the newest Beavers.

We continued the international theme by trying different foods from different countries. We had food from India, Mexico, China and even the UK! We also revisited flags to see what they could remember.

The Beavers were challenged with building a bridge with paper and two cups that could hold coins. Various designs were tested. The only rule was there was no sellotape or stapling allowed.

The last week the Beavers learnt about morse code. They used torches and worked out a code. They then wrote their own code and tested each other.



*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)



## CUB NEWS

Two teams from Pinkneys Green entered the flag completion held at Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Hall in Saturday 23rd March.

**Winter Hill won with Littlewick joint 3rd.**

Well done to both teams who had a fun afternoon including hails stones whilst fire lighting

We be carrying the District Flag at the front of the St George's Day celebrations on Sunday 21st April at Braywick.

*Baloo Winter Hill* (Erica Hunter)

## Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick cubs are looking for new members. If you know anyone who is aged between 8 – 10 years old, interested in joining, contact **Akela Pete Matthews** [LG.Akela@gmail.com](mailto:LG.Akela@gmail.com)

## Winter Hill Pack

We have had a very busy month, 2 weeks were spent making a Mothers day gift and making a card. We then did our HEro's hike, we all met at Farm Road shops armed with litter pickers and bags and collected rubbish from the streets, making our way to Pinkneys Fish Bar on Hampden Road where we all had chips!! We then continue collecting rubbish as we walked back to the Scout Hall as you can see we got an awful lot of rubbish!.

Then we joined Littlewick Cubs for a joint visit to the fire Station there were 37 cubs, 3 young leaders and 7 leaders, we had a tour of the station and learnt all about the equipment on a fire engine, smoke alarms and the best bit i am sure the cubs will say is they got to use a fire hose.

Our final week this term will be an Easter Theme.

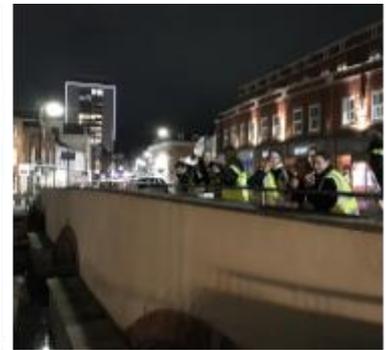


*Baloo Winter Hill* (Erica Hunter)

## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **Littlewick Troop**

The latter part of the term has been busy for the Littlewick Green Troop. For the first not cloudy meeting of term we did some star gazing. First we explored what might be possible to see using the Stellarium website on the projector in the hall. Then we went out onto the darkest bit of the Green we could find to try and spot constellations that should have been visible. Some cloud cover had returned but Orion, Ursa Major and Jupiter could be spotted. The next meeting included light painting using torches and long exposure photography. This took quite a few attempts to get right, but looks good when it works.



The latest two meetings have been planning and then doing “The Chip Shop Survey”. This was a hike around different Maidenhead chip shops; sampling and reviewing chips at each location. For one meeting the scouts planned routes which involved optimising a route and also checking details such as opening times and prices. The following week we did the best route

and it was a very pleasant evening where the scouts needed little encouragement to walk quickly!

Outside of our normal meetings also got the opportunity to help Woolley Firs nature reserve plant a new hedge. It was a cold Sunday morning but we soon got stuck in and it the scouts proved impressively proficient at planting the large variety saplings in close formation. Many thanks to the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust work party for allowing us to join in.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (*Mark Courtier*)

### **Winter Hill Troop**

We held another training course, where the Scouts slept in the hall and were taught basic Scouting skills in preparation for camps later this year.

Friday night meeting have included a “Break In @ Scout Hall”. Scouts had to investigate the crime scene gather evidence, they had a forensic worksheet and crime questionnaire to complete, Then an interview plan, then at the end, arrest and interview of the suspect.



Another evening the Scouts ran a “Youth Shape” evening, where they decided activities and programmes. The following week they tested their

pioneering skills by doing square and sheer lashings and knots, building a flagpole, using broom sticks, garden canes and sisal.



Good Friday we will be holding our annual **Easter Egg** hunt, this year will be a bit more of a challenge as the clocks won't have changed, so they will have the challenge of finding the eggs in the dark. We also will continue to hold Scout meeting during the Easter Holidays,

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