



## GROUP NEWS

Coming up this month, we will be delivering all the Christmas Trees that have been ordered and holding a group Christingle Service at Stubbings Church.

Next year we will be celebrating our 115th Birthday, which you will be invited to join us at a special event we will be holding

December 2023



## New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Monday** 1st January 2024.

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx. 12 noon.



## PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

When you buy something online, please go via *easyfundraising*.

We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop**, enter the address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and “*Pinkneys Green Scouts*” as the cause.

**If you go via this web site to your normal online shopping site PG are given a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you.** We have raised over £1,370 from supporters of PG who have done this.

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 (**Which we get £3 per online order**) 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/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)



To Celebrate Pinkneys Green Scouts **115 Birthday**, we are inviting you to join us at a special Birthday Celebration on **Sunday 4th February 2024**.

Please make a note of the date and keep the afternoon Free.

Our Group was founded in the very early days of Scouting 6th February 1909 and has enjoyed a continuous record of successful activity since

## **PG Christingle (Carol) Service**

We are holding a PG Carol Service on  
**Sunday 10th December 2023** at 3.50pm  
at our local Church *St. James the Less* at Stubbings.

**All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, parents, brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us at our Special Service**

***Tea and Mince Pies will be served afterwards  
in the Soltau Centre***



Burchetts Green has services which focus on the Christingle and are also an opportunity to bring **new and unopened** toys along to donate to social services. Toys can also be left at any of the services at Stubbings and will be added to the collection. These are then distributed across Maidenhead and the surrounding area to those who are most in need this Christmas. If you would like to donate toys, please bring them along to the above or any serves held in parish.



## **Parish of Burchetts Green**

St. James the Less, Stubbings St Mary the Virgin, Hurley St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green

Christmas is a joyful time where we celebrate with family and friends and where we often feel comforted by the traditions we hold. Whether those traditions are in the songs we sing, the food we eat, the people we see or the events we go to, it helps to root us and centre us in a world often full of uncertainty.

We'd love to see you over the Christmas period and there are lots of services and events to join us at, both the more traditional ones like Midnight Mass and the more modern ones like the Christingle or Crib services.

Our worship styles include anything from BCP to contemporary and we hope that whatever you join us at, you are able to connect with God and others at a time when bringing our communities together and celebrating is such an important thing to do.

It is a great reminder of the gift which is given to each of us afresh each year – the small child wrapped in a manger who represents the perfection of love and the brightest of lights. May you know that light in your hearts this Christmas and always.

Rev Tom Etherton  
Vicar, Burchetts Green Parish

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

9.15am Littlewick Green	Family Eucharist
<u>11.00am Stubbings</u>	Carol Service
4.00pm Hurley	Carol Service

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

10.00am Stubbings Carols, Communion and croissants

### **Crib Services**

Recreating the scene in the stable.

**Why not come dressed as a shepherd, king, star or angel**

2.00pm	Littlewick Green
3.15pm	Hurley
<u>4.30pm</u>	Stubbings

### **Midnight Mass**

11.00pm Littlewick Green

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

9.15am Littlewick Green	Christmas Communion
10.00am Stubbings	Christmas Communion (BCP)
10.30am Hurley	Christmas Communion

## **Remembrance Sunday Services**

It was good to see all PG members and their families at this year's Remembrance Sunday Services.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group along with parents and families attended the annual Remembrance Day Parades.

**Littlewick Green** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at St John the Evangelist in Littlewick Green.

**Winter Hill** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at St James the Less in Stubbings.



## Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us.

Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box or drop them off at your child's section meeting. Thank you goes to everyone who has dropped off stamps to us.



## 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

## 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. 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 tables, chairs etc.

## 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.

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

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## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey

The first week of the month we had a visit from Lucy who is registered blind. She brought her ex guide dog with her and some aids and items to simulate what it's like to be blind. The squirrels had a go with her white stick, and also had a go on a device that helps make a cup of tea by beeping when the cup is full. We then read Bertie the Very Blind Bat by Joanne Moore.



The second week was all about remembrance. We spoke about what it might have been like to live in the First and Second World Wars and what it was like for food to be rationed. We then made some poppies out of the squirrels hand prints, ready to be made into a wreath to lay at church on Remembrance Sunday.

Another evening the squirrels really enjoyed was our Lego evening. It was based on energy and where we get energy from. The squirrels had to make a wind turbine and a fairground out of the Lego. They all were really good at working it all out.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)



## Littlewick Drey

This month at Squirrels we have been making the most of being indoors and adapting to it being so dark outside!

We've been building indoor dens, getting cosy and reading our favourite stories, learning about the five senses by listening to different sounds, feeling wobbly jelly, smelling different essence oils and tasting (and feeling!) popping candy on our tongues! We even had a special guest join us with Karen's puppy Lottie - a sensory overload!



We have also been learning about Scouting internationally and made a list of objects we'd like to send to our new pen pal Scout group in America! One Squirrel, Harriet, successfully achieved and received her Chief Scout Acorn Award - well done, Harriet! As we approach Christmas it will get a little more festive and we look forward to making some seasonal treats!

*Tufty Littlewick* (Hannah Smith)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Winter Hill Colony

The beavers have once again been busy. They really enjoyed their Halloween party run by the scouts. They had lots of party games including apple bobbing and musical chairs. The beavers all arrived in some fabulous fancy dress. Thank you once again scouts for a very successful evening.



We had an evening on Remembrance and what it's all about and why the poppy is the symbol of remembrance

We spoke about world wars 1 and 2 then made some poppies to be made into a wreath for church on Sunday. Finally the beavers had an opportunity to voice their views in what we call a log chew. This involves the beavers thinking about what they would like to do this term and next. In their lodges they came up with a list of ideas that we could take away and see if any are possible. Maybe not the trip to Lapland for Christmas or meeting their favourite footballer, but some of the more realistic ones will be on the programme soon!

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)



### Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have recently spent time working on their collectors badge and all took time talking about their collections. Great listening was also witnessed.

Last week we discovered the perfect place for Beavers to bounce-Salt Hill Activity Centre-where we had a private trampolining session.

We also joined the squirrels and cubs for the Remembrance service, having spent time making our own woollen poppies.

*Rainbow Littlewick* (Sarah Brodie)

## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack

Firstly we would like to thank all the cubs who came to the Remembrance service. Your presence meant a lot, and together, we honour and remember those we've lost."

The cubs started back after half term by making some delicious chocolate spider webs which looked fantastic.

During parliament week the cubs played Big Ben Bongo during which they shared their knowledge of parliament and learnt lots of new things too.



For world kindness day the cubs made decorative hearts (and fish!) to leave on walks as random acts of kindness to make them smile.

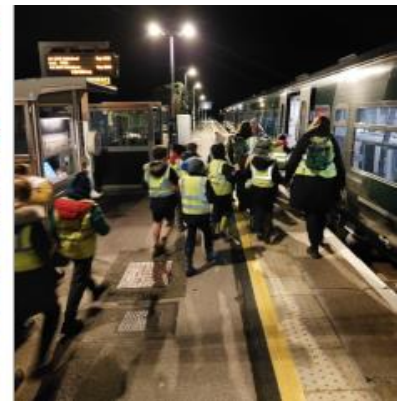
All of these activities with fun and games lead by the young leaders have meant that November has been a busy month for our Littlewick Cubs.

*Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)*

### Winter Hill Pack

This month the Cubs spent an evening making a poppy wreath and learning the In Flanders Field poem which 9 of them read during the Remembrance Day service at St James the Less church in Stubbings.

We also did a night hike, starting in the NT cap park on The Pound, Cookham, we walked across towards the river and then cut through the golf course, winding our way back toward cookham village centre. We then had Chips whilst we waited for the Marlow Donkey Train to bring us back to Furze Platt.

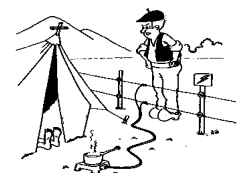


Leading up to Christmas we will be making Christmas cards for a local nursing home and a visit to the Panto.

*Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)*

## SCOUT NEWS

**Troop Weekend Camp 2024** Next years Weekend Scout Camp for Littlewick and Winter Hill Scouts will be **Friday 17 May – Sunday 19 May 2024**



### Littlewick Troop

Just after half term we had our halloween meeting in which we played a modified version of Cluedo. Scouts had to quiz each other or complete leader challenges to find out who/what/where it was not and then submit their accusation to the detective (me). Fancy dress of Cluedo characters or block Cluedo colours was encouraged with a prize for best costume. The leaders also put in a strong fancy dress showing as the police.



Since that meeting we have had two practising our navigation skills in preparation for the District Night Hike. For one we hiked from Littlewick Green to the Scout Hall with scouts taking it in turns to do map reading.



For the second one we did some exercises in the hall and out on the Green to practise estimating distance from OS Maps and applying this to the real world. We then had two teams take part in the District Night Hike itself. Both teams did very well coming 9th & 12th Both teams navigated well and kept enthusiasm up until the end, despite it being a damp evening. The team I accompanied demonstrated excellent planning and memory skill on one of our final bases despite it being past 1am. Many thanks to parents ` and Dan for walking with us and enabling the scouts to take part.

And finally, for our most recent meeting, the scouts explored to hall to identify things that used power and then had to pick the ones that used the most. They were then given the challenge to think about this at home too.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (Mark Courtier)

### Winter Hill Troop

On the Scouting front the Scouts have completed parts of the Navigation badge, and attended the Remembrance Sunday service at Stubbings. Thank you goes to *Barney Harris* for carrying the Union Flag and *Zachary Tobias* the Troop flag.



The Scouts have produced a new *An Expected Code Of Conduct*, with a lot of input from the younger Scouts.

District Night Hike, we had 29 Scouts, 4 teams, taking part and a Young leader, they joined 197 Scouts and Explorers from all the Troops in Maidenhead. In total including the adults walking with the Scouts and those running the activities there were 280 people involved in the event. Thank you goes to parents *John Wilson*, *Paul Booth*, *Faye Hext*, *Prasanna Rao* and, *Barry Puddephatt* for walking with the Scouts.

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

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S**

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

