



GROUP NEWS

June 2023

It was good to see everyone at the Summer Fair.

September will be a busy month, with our Family camp at Stubbings and our annual Jumble Sale on 30th.

All sections are enjoying the warm weather holding their meetings outside.



Family (Group) Camp – September 2023

This year we will again be holding a Family Camp where all Pinkneys Green members (Littlewick & Winter Hill) can take part in a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities!

All members will be receiving a letter about the camp.

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

Cubs and Scouts will camp in their sections, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders may camp even if their families do not wish to attend/camp. Squirrels and Beavers can camp, but they need to camp with parents. Parents and friends of PG can either camp for the weekend or visit as day visitors. Family Groups need to provide their own tent/caravan, catering equipment and food for themselves and their Squirrels / Beavers, if you have one. We will try to assist if you need any camping equipment. Portaloo toilet facilities will be provided for all.

Saturday Night we will be having Fish & Chips, which will be freshly cooked on site. Details of how to order them will be with the camp letter.

If you are a friend of PG and would like to join us for the weekend please email familycamp@pgscouts.org.uk

The weekend programme has not yet been finalised but will include: setting up camp on Friday evening, wide game for the children; family-friendly activity bases on Saturday morning; camp games for all on Saturday afternoon; Group AGM and campfire on Saturday evening; more activities on Sunday morning; striking of camp on Sunday afternoon; and having lots of fun!

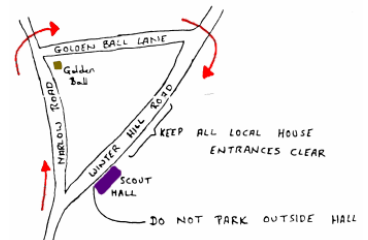
Special Note: Any adult, who wishes to camp with us for the weekend, needs to have completed a Scout Association DBS.

SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

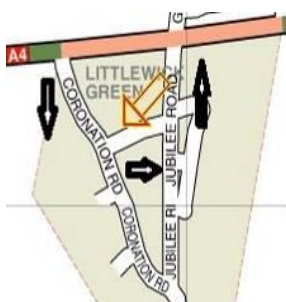
PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *Can we remind Parents to operate a One-Way System when dropping off or collecting your children from Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are outside the hall.*

Please Drive Slowly Down Golden Ball Lane below the 20mph Speed Limit

Park on the Scout Hall side of the road facing Furze Platt Road, parking lights on when it is dark.



Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS



Thank You for your help at our Fair

On behalf of all of the members of PG we would like to thank all the parents and friends of PG Littlewick & Winter, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and leaders who helped, plus everyone who donated items or came along on the day.

As we go to press it looks like we have raised over £4,000.

Parents to Clean the Hall

We are short of parent volunteers to clean the hall this month, the first two weeks in July, plus there are lots of slots next term on the rota.

Areas include the Toilet, kitchen and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen, Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>

Anytime between Tuesday morning (Weds only before 5.30pm, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm.

A **big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us so far this year, it was a great help.



Outgrown your Uniform or Changed 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.

Do you have an old laptop?



To help us to run our Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) event again this year and are desperately in need of equipment.

If anyone has an old laptop at home, they no longer use we would like to give a new home. We can guarantee that it will be securely wiped before it is used.

If anyone has any idea of businesses that might be willing to donate old equipment, please let us know. help@pgtips.org.uk or leave a message on 01628 771991

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 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/

Thank you goes to everyone who has gone via this page when you shop online



Raise funds for Pinkneys Green Scouts every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising to start:

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

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JUST EAT

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discover fashion online

£20 Million raised
1.2 Million users
100,000 causes

Old 12 Volt Batteries

We are still looking for old 12 Volt car 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

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

Plus second Saturday of month

10am – 12noon

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze
(Behind Magnet)

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

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



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

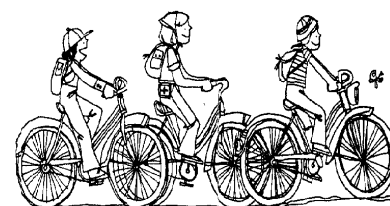
July 2023

<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 2nd July	10.30am God through Music	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)
Week 2 Sunday 9th July	10.30am Parish Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4:00pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 16th July	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 23rd July	10.30am Holy Communion Family and Friends	9.00am Come to the Table Communion	
Week 5 Sunday 30th July	10:00am Parish Service		

Cycling

Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following?

- (i) Any Scout / Explorer who cycles to Scout Activities / Meetings must have their bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights.
- (ii) All Scouts/Explorers Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a Cycle Helmet.
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked - We have had bikes stolen from Scout activities...



SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

This month the squirrels have been able to get outside more as the weather gets better.

The squirrels explored the woods on Pinkneys drive and looked at the different plants and trees they could find. Then they had a little play in the chalk pit.

One evening the squirrels had some very special visitors from the Berkshire Birds of Prey. They got to handle some owls and learn all about what they eat and how they catch their prey. After half term the squirrels got out of the hut and visited the fire station. They had a tour round and saw how the firefighters used the pole. Saw the gym and got to have a go with the hose.

Finally as part of our gardening badge and looking after the environment we had an evening planting. The squirrels planted cress and turned it into a person (with the cress being the hair) planted sunflower seeds and runner beans and made wildflower balls so they could plant at home to help encourage wildlife into their gardens.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

This month in LWG Drey we've been working towards our Challenge badges!

We've been learning what to pack on an adventure and made bug hotels. We also went on a scavenger hunt trying to find items around the village that began with the letters 'S,Q,U,I,R,R,E,L,S' ... I know what you're thinking but once we taught them what a quill was, we were fine! It's been great being able to get out and enjoy the Green during this sunny period!



Tuffy Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been busy again.

Recently working on our cycling badge. We had to have an impromptu theory session in the hall due to an unpredicted storm but we followed up this week with a great session cycling along the Green Way.

We were really impressed with everyone's concentration and cycling skills!

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)



Winter Hill Colony

Due to the many bank holidays in May the Beavers haven't been as busy as usual. None the less they have still got out and been active.

The beavers did some knots and pioneering out on the green. They learnt how to do a reef knot and some lashings to make a wooden structure.

One sunny evening the Beavers got out on the green and pitched tents. They talked about the different types of tents before pitching a patrol tent similar to what they would pitch at cub camp.

The final evening of the month the beavers got into the woods and did some firefighting. They learnt all about what is needed for a fire and the best way to build one.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

The Wednesday during half term both Scout Troops, *Littlewick & Winter Hill* ran a meeting for all the Cubs.

The first part of the meeting, the Cubs and Scouts collected rubbish on the green and the woods. Thank you goes to all the parents who took a bag of rubbish home. The second part of the meeting the Scouts organised some games in the woods for the Cubs.

Littlewick Pack

The cubs have been enjoying the great weather with lots of outdoor activities.

The cubs have also been thinking about the environment and have been thinking about ways they can help showing great interest in charity work. This allowed a good discussion about the summer fete.

That thrown in with some games the cubs have had a great month.



Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)



Winter Hill Pack

This month we are making the most of the sunshine and dry weather with a rotation of 4 activities that we can only do outside. We have divided the pack into 4 groups, each group will spend a week each on Fire lighting and Cooking, Tent pitching, Tree/Flower identification and Bark rubbing and Tracking and Trails.

We invested 7 cubs into the pack 4 who moved up from Beavers *Astri, Elvie, Ned* and *Peter* also 3 new to the group, *Ermis, Martin* and *Likhil*. We also welcomed Brooklyn who has just joined.

In preparation to our Summer Fair each of the cubs brought in their filled Sweet cup and various items for the different stalls.

Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

Scout Tombola at Summer Fair Thank You, goes to the 43 Scouts from both Troops who set up and ran the tombola with the help of young leaders Mateo, plus the parents who helped prepare the tombola. We could not have managed without all the donations we received. Can we thank everyone who donated over 600 items, including bottles of wine and spirits.



This year it was amazing to have made **£1,044** on the Tombola.

PG Scouts will be off to camp at the end of July, the Scouts will be camping near Bude in Cornwall, the Patrol leaders have helped to plan the programme, with the help of the young leaders.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Littlewick Troop

We have been making the most of the green, the woods, and the excellent weather for this run of summery meetings. One week the scouts split into teams and laid tracks in the woods. After making the trail the teams switched to see if they could follow another teams track.



At the next meeting, each patrol built a catapult from pioneering poles and then fired tennis balls at hoop targets. Different hoops were given different number of points to reward catapults that could fire further. Size definitely won over

build quality.

For our most recent meeting, we built a “big Art Attack” on the green (inspired by the TV programme of my youth). This involved trying to find scouting items that would stand out on the brown and green of the grass to write out “Hello” and a fleur-de-lis. All of these meetings have been supplemented by a healthy amount of games in the woods or on the green.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

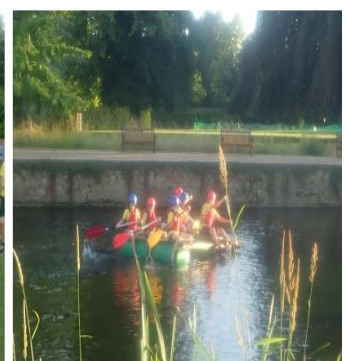
The end of last month, the Scouts organising the cub meeting, during half term, for both Cubs Packs. The Cubs and Scouts collected litter on the green and in the woods, before playing games in the woods.

Half term meeting, the Scouts taught the new Scouts how to pitch a Storm haven Patrol tent, the ground was very hard and quite a few pegs got broken.

The following two weeks we started the Athletic badge, the Scouts were taught how to warm up before completing various challenges.

The Friday before the fair as we were unable to use the Scout Hall, the Scouts had an evening of building rafts and going rafting on the river.

New members of Winter Hill Scouts *Maya Barley, Alex Crabtree, Theo Hubbard* and *Alexander Hampton*, have all made their Scout promise and been invested as a member of the Troop. We would like to welcome them and their families to the Troop and PG.



Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)