



GROUP NEWS

June 2023



We have a busy term coming up with camps and activities. We have our Summer Fair at the end of June. We are looking for your support; it will be good to see you on the day.

Plans are underway for our Family (Group) Camp, Which everyone is welcome to attend 8-10 September at Stubbings



SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 25th June 2023
12noon onwards

ON THE GREEN
OPPOSITE BOUNDARY (WAS WAGGON & HORSES)

Don't miss the fun!



We hope you will be able to join us at our Summer Fair

We will be having






Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, BBQ, Plant Stall,
Teas & cake tent, Book Stall, Bouncy Castle, Classic Car Show

Fun Dog Show at 3.00pm

Plus many more attractions

OUR SUMMER FAIR HELP

We need your help with:

-  **Tombola Items** Unwanted presents, wine, beer, toiletries, stationery, canned drinks, foods and any other spare items for the **Tombola** – *please drop off all alcohol directly to the leader.* **Food & Drink to be inside Best Before date on the 26th June**
-  Spare toys, soft toys **All Soft Toys must be machine washed, dried or we can't sell them** and books for the Fair Stalls
-  Bake (or Buy) a Cake and bring it on the day
-  Please save any plants which you or neighbours are splitting or any extra seedlings left over for the **Plant stall**
-  **Books** New and Second hand for the **Book Stall**



We really need **volunteers** to make the Fair a success. **Please help for 90 mins**, either setting up on **Saturday 24th, Morning 10.30am** or afternoon 2pm, during the Fair or to clear up afterwards on **Sunday 25th 4.00pm - 5.30pm**.

Anyone willing to help, set up, during the fair on a stall or side shows, signup sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/Q9DP7>



PGs Coronation Street Party

We held a *Special Coronation Party* on Monday 8th May 2023.

Due to the weather we had the tea party inside the Scout hall, where over 110 people sat down. The youngsters were able to play and take part in games on the Green

It was so good to see so many friends of PG plus members of the groups and their families

Do you have an old laptop?

We had to take a break for a couple of years but we are hoping 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

Parents Parent Rota to clean the hall

We are looking for more parent volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the hall. 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.

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 www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean

Anytime between Tuesday morning (Weds only before 5.30, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm. **A big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us, it was a great help.



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/

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



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

June 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 4 th June	10.30am God through Music	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)
Week 2 Sunday 11 th June	10.30am Parish Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4:00pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 18 th June	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 25 th June	10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Come to the Table Communion	



Congratulations

Congratulations to *Alex (Mang)* and *Clare Robins* on the birth of their son, *Samuel James Robins*. He was born 7lbs 4oz on 23rd April.

Alex is a leader with Beavers and Cubs at Winter Hill and *Clare* is a leader in Reading.

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. (Something to look forward to) 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

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



Supermarket Crates

We are still looking for supermarket crates, like the ones used for home deliveries. We want to use these plastic storage boxes to store equipment on our shelving, in the containers.

They can also be stacked on top of each other, which makes the use of the shelving a lot more productive. If you have any to spare or know where we can buy them for a reasonable price please email Simon.

help@pgtips.org.uk

SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

It's felt a short month with all the bank holidays but the Squirrels have been making the most of the good weather where we can! We've been playing games on the Green and had a campfire with marshmallows and s'mores! For the Coronation we also made Household Division Foot Guards - really testing the leaders' creative skills with loo rolls - and also used our craft skills to make some dream catchers!



Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

Winter Hill Drey

The Squirrels had an evening creating wild art; designing a new stamp for the king. The Squirrels collected natural materials from the Green then got creative. They used sticks, leaves and flowers to design their stamps. During the coronation weekend the Squirrels enjoyed a hike around the bluebell woods. They were joined by scout ambassador *Steve Backshall*. The Squirrels also had an evening making bug hotels. They collected sticks then chose if they wanted a tin can or toilet roll then they used the sticks and stuffed them in and used string to tie them up.

Finally the Squirrels took part in a district Gruffalo day. Squirrels from all over Maidenhead took part. They made sock puppets, had bubble fun, did an obstacle course, and played Gruffalo fishing bingo. They also enjoyed a picnic lunch



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We are glad those Bank holiday Mondays are now over at Littlewick and we can get back to Monday night Beavers! We have recently invested new Beavers, been busy litter picking and toast marshmallows on our fire.

We have also been enjoying the great weather and been playing games on the green.



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

The first evening of the summer term was games on the Green. The Beavers enjoyed learning and playing rounders.

The Beavers had an evening doing a spot of gardening. They planted some sunflowers then helped spruce up the hall by creating some hanging baskets.

The final evening of the month the beavers went on a short bug and leaf hunt. They needed to identify different leaves and find as many bugs as they could. Then we said goodbye to our eldest beavers who swam up to cubs.

Another month of busyness for the Beavers.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

With the weather getting better it has been so nice to be out and playing team work games on the free this month. This has been a great Ice breaker for our new cubs who have joined us.

A group of 4 cubs also took part in jamboree on the trail with a lovely walk around Cookham. The cubs all enjoyed the stations and showed great team work throughout.

They kept the motivation up all the way round and a good pace to even finish even earlier than expected. Well done to all that came.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)



Winter Hill Pack

We started the month learning all about maps, the cubs created an island that showed various mapping symbols that were described in a story, this was in preparation for their Hike around Taplow.

We spent the next 2 weeks Canoeing with Engage watersports and Hiking around Taplow.

We will be meeting during half term, litter picking in the woods.

Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

Troop Camp Littlewick and Winterhill Scouts spent a weekend camping in Henley. The Scouts took part in a traditional Scout camp, working in Patrols Activities included Scouts cooking all their meals on wood fire, learning basic Scouting and camping skills, archery, Cooking competition, wide games.

Congratulations goes to:

Cobras PL Jude Foley on winning the Cooking Competition. **Swifts PL Alex Woodhead Pavón** on winning the Camping competition.



Can we thank all the parents who have helped with this year's camp, we had a great response which made the camp go a lot easier and make help my 4 assistants have a better camp. Apologies we were late finishing on the Sunday due to a problem with unlocking the gate to the field. Special Thank you goes to dad, *Ian Miller* for driving the lorry to camp, *Karen Hope and Duncan Cribb* for organising the Air rifle shooting; *Matthew Milston*, for organising the archery. Tom Beynon & Rob Harris for judging the Cooking Competition, *Ollie Hodges* for running the evening activities. The leaders: *BoB Weingarh, Mark Courtier, Matthew Milston, Paul Conacher* for helping and camping for the whole weekend Plus the PLs, Scouts and parents who helped load and unload the lorry and put all the equipment away at end of camp..

Photos on: <https://bit.ly/3qgEPQ8> Plus Winter Hill Scouts Facebook [facebook.com/pgscouts/](https://www.facebook.com/pgscouts/)

Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)

Scout Tombola at Summer Fair Littlewick and Winterhill Scouts are running the Tombola's again at our Summer Fair, we need all Scouts support to make it a success. **Can each Scout provide 6-8 items.**

Help is required from all Scouts at Fair on Sunday 25th June either setting up Tombola from 10am-12noon or running the Tombola, hour shift between 12noon – 4pm **We are short of Scouts this year** as quite a few are away for the weekend on a School Trip, **if you are available, your help will be appreciated.**

Littlewick Troop

Due to the high density of bank holidays in May, we have had less meetings than normal. For one meeting we did games and activities based around the coronation. These included a quiz, Coronation's Coming (a variation on Capitan's Coming) and coronation bingo. The next meeting we spent preparing tents for Troop Camp during a very sunny evening. Somehow we still ended up with one toilet tent missing some poles when it arrived on site, but this was not disastrous. our troop went on Troop Camp which was very good attendance. The range of activities, weather and energy from the scouts made it a very successful and enjoyable weekend. Very many thanks to *Simon* for organising and inviting the Littlewick Green Troop along.



During the coronation bank holiday weekend, five scouts from the Littlewick Green Troop took part in a two day canoeing expedition along the Kent and Avon Canal. The main aim was to have an enjoyable adventure but the scouts were also working to achieve their Expedition Challenge badge. Fabien writes: We started off our trip by meeting at the entry point in the canal. Prior to this we had already planned our route plan, so we had an idea of where we were going and how long it was going to take. Once we got in the canal, we checked the compass directions and headed off east. The surroundings were really scenic with lots of wildlife along our journey. There was one species of animal specifically that we were working on: birds. For our challenge, as part as the expedition, we were to create a presentation and show our findings after the trip. We decided to write down birds we saw, what breed they were, where they were located and how many. As we travelled along the canal, we documented this information. We always knew our location due to our map reading. After the trip we put this information into a graph and presented it to our scout group. The experience was phenomenal as we covered such a wide range of activities. When we got to the camp, we made our dinner (spaghetti bolognese) on gas cookers which turned out quite tasty. We went exploring around the local town of Pewsey. We used our maps once again to find out where to go and to locate the safe routes. We travelled around 6 kilometres on the first day and then 7 kilometres on the second. I would highly recommend this as it is such a good way to do something you wouldn't normally do and it has so many learning aspects as well. You can talk to people you might not normally talk to and just have a good time in general.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We had a good turnout for Troop Camp, the older Scouts taught the younger Scouts some basic camping skills, thank you goes to the PLs for their hard work. Troop meetings we have been doing compass work, and activities in the woods. Some of the Scouts sewed the Coronation badge on to their shirts, during our meetings.

We had an evening where the Scouts decided on what cooking equipment to take on camp and pack the patrol boxes.



The Friday during half term we will be holding a special evening for the Scouts who are not away.

Plans are well underway for this years Summer camp we are off for a couple weeks to Cornwall.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)