



GROUP NEWS

November 2023



Last month all members of PG, had the chance to take part in this years International *Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI)*, which we held *at the hall*.

Coming up this month, we will be taking part in Remembrance Sunday Services and holding a group Christingle Service at Stubbings Church.

Remembrance Sunday

Do not forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services.

- **Littlewick** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at *St John the Evangelist*, Littlewick Green.
- **Winter Hill** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at *St James the Less*, Stubbings.

We hope that, as many members of PG (*Littlewick & Winter Hill*) and their families will be able to attend one of these services. The service will remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars.

Date: **Sunday 12th November 2023 – 10.35am.**

Members do not forget to wear, **Full Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform** and a poppy.



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. *Thank you.*

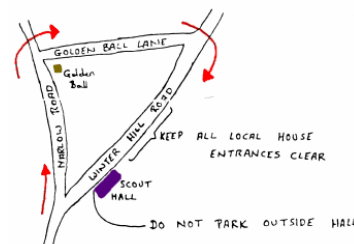
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.

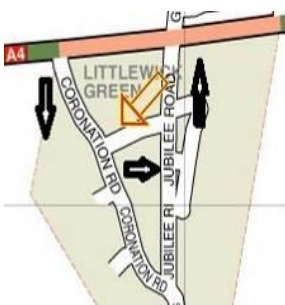
Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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



New Flagpole

Due to the rope on our flagpole being cut, and not being able to get a replacement rope up to the pulley, we have had to replace our flagpole.

We would like to thank parent James Curtis Smith for getting a scaffolding company to sponsor a new pole, and help put it up for us.



Apt Scaffolding Company donated a new pole, which has been painted and had a flag pulley and gold ball added to the top.



28th Jamboree on the Internet

Over the weekend 20th - 22nd October, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in JOTI.

We had Cubs and Scouts join us from other Groups in Maidenhead join us. The Cubs & Scouts could do the *Digital Maker* staged badges or Cub / Scout *Communicator* badges. In total 75 badges

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is world-wide event for Scouting groups all ages.

We did make contact with quite a few countries all around the world.



Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

(Term Time)

&

Second Saturday of Month

10am-11.45am

at

19th Maidenhead Scout Hut Holmanleaze
(SL6 8AW)

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 son's **Chest & waist size**. The shop will be open every Thursday evening

PG does have some second-hand uniform for sale,

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area next term.

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins Anytime between **Tuesday morning** (Weds only before 6pm, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and **Fridays before 5pm**. Please complete our online form via www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean/

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk or talk to a parent who has already done it.

Thank you goes to all the parents who have cleaned the hall this year.





BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

November 2023

PGs Christingle & Carol Service

Our annual Christingle & Carol Service for all members & their families will be held on **Sunday 10th December 4.25pm** at Stubbings Church followed by Tea & mince pies in the Soltau centre.

<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>
Wednesday 1 st November All Souls Day		19.00 All Souls Service	
Week 1 Sunday 5 th November	10.30 God through Music	16.00 BCP Evensong	9.15 Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 12 th November	10.30 Service of Remembrance	10.30 Service of Remembrance	10.30 Service of Remembrance
Week 3 Sunday 19 th November	10.00 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 26 th November	10.30 Holy Communion	9.00 Come to the table	

Used Postage Stamp

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

Please save your postage stamps for us. Start collecting stamps as they come through your post box or at your work. If possible, can you leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp.



Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box or give them to your child's section leader.



Ellington Morris

Did you know that Ellington Morris are also based in the Pinkneys Green Scout Hall?

They practice in the Hall every Wednesday at 8:30pm from October - learning dances for May 1st the next year.

It's great fun and a chance to do something different and make new friends. Newcomers are always welcome!!! both as dancers and musicians.

Interested? See website for details www.ellington.org.uk or call Chris Bell 01628 623023

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 (**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.

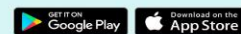
Please remember to use easyfundraising and if you haven't signed up yet, you can find our easyfundraising page at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/

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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£20 Million raised

1.2 Million users

100,000 causes

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

Over the last month the squirrels have been very busy as usual. The squirrels went on a mini scavenger hunt, where they learnt basic compass skills. They had to answer questions to get the letters that made a word. Another evening was all about science. The squirrels enjoyed various experiments including volcanoes, stomp rockets, bottle rockets and balloon helicopters. We did mini "pioneering" making a den/ house for Acorn our squirrel using spaghetti and mini marshmallows. We then invested our newest squirrels (*Leo, Arthur and Joseph*) and said good bye to our eldest squirrel (*Ethan*) who moves on to beavers.

Our final week before half term was our traditional Halloween party run by the scouts. The squirrels did apple bobbing, and eating doughnuts off string.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

It's been another great month at Littlewick Green Drey and whilst the weather has been on our side, we've tried to get out as much as possible prior to clocks going back / Half Term.

Lots of new Squirrels trialling the Drey and we hope they stay on and continue to enjoy!



For Harvest, we learnt about the importance of giving at St John Evangelist Church where Rev Tom taught the Squirrels a story about saying 'thank you' and then Bushy - one of our leaders - talked about the importance of giving and her experience working in **FoodShare** Maidenhead.

The Squirrels even treated us to their favourite Harvest songs! We also managed to squeeze in a campfire and marshmallows before Half Term which the Squirrels loved!

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony



The beavers have had lots of fun over the last month.

The beavers had a short hike through the woods and played in the chalk pit. We had an evening where we talked about health and fitness. The beavers measured their heart rate when relaxed and then again after some exercise. The beavers then created a poster on what fitness means to them.

One evening we talked about Health and safety. The beavers broke in to different groups and took on a topic (water safety, stranger danger and first aid) they acted out their scenarios to the rest of the group.

The final week before half term the beavers did some of the skills challenge badge. Tying shoe laces, learning their address and phone number, ironing their neckerchief, setting an alarm clock and learning how to brush their teeth. We then said goodbye to our eldest 2 beavers who moved onto cubs.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Green Beavers have had a great month again. Lots of energy and enthusiasm as always. We ended the half term investing three new Beavers and our brilliant new young leader, Fabien. We also held a very informative practical session with Lucy and her retired guide dog, Parker, creating an awareness of blindness for the beavers. We have also had a wonderful visit to Maidenhead Fire Station where Benny and Butch explained a lot about fire safety and answered lots of questions from the Beavers!

We looking forward to next term and the run up to Christmas now.

We have lots of activities planned and are excited to share them this upcoming term.



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

CUB NEWS

The Wednesday during half term seventeen Scouts ran a joint Halloween Party for both Cubs packs.



Littlewick Pack

Firstly Littlewick green would like to recognise the achievements of one of our cubs.

At the recent family camp, *Morgan* was awarded the *Commissioners Commendation Award*. This was to recognise Morgan's achievement in representing Great Britain at the World Dwarf Games in Germany during the summer holidays. Morgan competed in 10 events across swimming and athletics and came home with 9 medals (4 golds, 3 silvers, 2 bronze). We couldn't be prouder of his achievements.

The cubs have had a good month, we have had some very active sessions which suits our cubs well. With the light fading we managed to sneak in a game of the very popular barricades.



With the end of this half term we had to say a sad goodbye to *Eva* one of our young leaders. *Eva* is heading of to focus on her exams. We wish her all the best and thank her for everything she has down in supporting our group.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)

Winter Hill Pack

This month we have invested 2 Cubs *Jack Tarrant* and *James Hamon*, we also spent an evening doing the Personal safety badge and the Cubs also earn their World Faith Badge with a visit to the Mosque.

The Cubs also had the opportunity to attend *Jamboree on the Internet* and do the Cubs Communicator badge

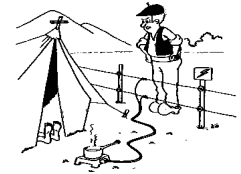
We also gave our 5 new sixes and seconders their badges.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

District Night Hike The District are holding the annual Night Hike on Friday 17 November 7.30pm till Saturday 19 November to approx. 1am-2am. All Scouts from LG & WH can take part in. There are normally over 150 Scouts and parents taking part from all the Troops in the District. We will be looking for help from parents to walk with each team we normally have two parents walk with each team of six - seven Scouts. The hike is in the Hurley/Ashley Hill area, with Scouts walking around a circular course and completing activities at 8 bases that take 15-20min per base. We are also looking for another adult to help run a base.



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

Scouts Communicator Badge & Cubs Halloween Party

Scouts from both Troops attended *Jamboree On the Internet* (JOTI) and gained the Scout Communicator badge and took part in an International activity with Scouts from around the world. Thank you goes to the seventeen Scouts from both Troops who ran a joint Halloween party for LG & WH Cubs during half term. The Scouts made it a highly successful evening.



Littlewick Troop

We have had a busy run of meetings recently. For the first in this sequence, we delivered leaflets about the Jumble Sale before playing games on the green as we walked back to the scout hall. The next meeting we did a science experiment of “*how salty does water need to be for an egg to float*”. The scouts split into small groups, so we had multiple samples. We then compared results at the end of the experiment to see what range of concentrations of salt each group had used. I was impressed by the explanations the scouts gave for the variability in the results.

At the next meeting the scouts split into groups and learnt two of four simple magic tricks. They then performed them to a partner in the opposite group. With the magic trick being quite simple, the skill was in the performance and consequently lots of rehearsal was encouraged. Be cautious of any scout offering you a bet with three cups!

For our most recent meetings the scouts have been making woggles from paracord. These are macramé style ones. Most scouts had them complete by the end of one meeting, but some time to finish them off properly was given at our half term meeting, along with playing some games.



Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

First meeting in October, Scouts working in small groups to see how they worked as a team and had to construct a secure (jail) area out of garden canes the whole team would fit inside, plus the highest freestanding flag pole, the Scouts produced some interesting designs. Thank you goes to the Scouts who have run the Squirrels, Beavers & Cubs Halloween Parties on their meetings nights.

Thank you goes to dad *John Wilson* who has helped at Troop meetings due to Scout leaders being away.



The Scouts also had an evening using computers, where they completed some of the digital maker stage badges.

We would like to welcome to the Troop *Jack Whitehead, Zachary & Dexter Tobias, Samuel Scarff, Charlie Peck, Elllice Li* and *Freddie Comrie* who all made the Scout promise and been invested as Scouts.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)