



GROUP NEWS

October 2023



All sections have started their meeting after Summer break, most have moved indoors due the evenings getting darker.

We held a successful Family Camp at Stubbings, where we have held our AGM, plus we have held a Jumble Sale.

Coming up this term the group will be taking part in the International **Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI)**, plus we will be taking part in Remembrance Sunday Services at our local churches, and we will be holding a family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings on 17 December.



CHRISTMAS TREES 2023

We are taking orders

Order Form on PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green / Cookham / Hurley areas

Orders by 5pm **Sunday 29th October**

for delivery on Saturday 2nd December 2023

We have held prices to match last years!



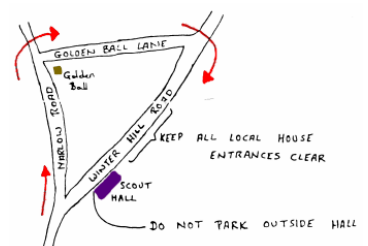
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.

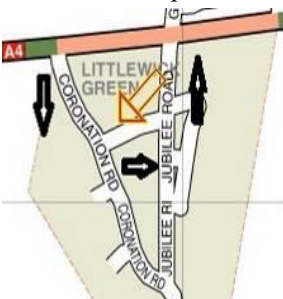
Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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

26th Jamboree on the Internet - 21st - 22nd October



This is the 26th JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info/> to find out more. 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 mainly for Scouting groups all ages.

We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries, but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries, some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com



If you have time pop into our Scout Hall over the weekend 10am Saturday 21st to 1pm Sunday 22nd and have a go yourself. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers as well as taking part in JOTI have the opportunity to do the **Digital Maker** staged badges.



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

October 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 1st October	10.30am God through Music	5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)
Week 2 Sunday 8th October	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4:00pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 15th October	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 15th October	10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Come to the Table	
Week 5 Sunday 29th October			10:00am Parish Service

Jumble Sale

Thank you goes to everyone who helped at our Jumble Sale on Saturday 30 September, with collecting and sorting on the Friday and at the Sale on the Saturday, plus taking the left over Jumble to Charity shops or tip. Also, to all the Scouts who delivered the leaflets.



We took **£640** on the day (£3 less than last year) this is the interim total before [bags2schools](https://www.bags2schools.org/) collection for leftovers bags full of clothing, shoes etc. in October.

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 except for half term and 14 October.

PG does have some second-hand uniform for sale,

Parents – Hall Cleaning Rota

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the hall Toilet area and kitchen area 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 via www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean/

Anytime between **Tuesday morning** (Weds only before 6pm, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and **Fridays before 5pm**. Thank You goes to all the parents who helped his year, it was a great help.





Family (Group) Camp at Stubbings

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders plus fifteen families camped at Stubbings, as well as day visitors.

The main tents were set up on Thursday. The Scouts arrive Friday set their tents up before playing some games. When the cubs had arrived and they had sorted out their gear, a game was then organised for all the children followed by hot chocolate and biscuits before bed. Saturday morning after breakfast there were bases: Modelling Making Pottery using Pinkneys Green clay; Twists Cooking; First Aid including resuscitation; Rope making; Wild Maidenhead and Eco hub, Archery & Shooting. After due to the very hot weather, the games were changed to a water activity under a sprinkler and quite games in the shade. This was followed by afternoon tea. The evening we had fish and chips followed by our AGM. The day finished off with a campfire, and hot chocolate.



Sunday after breakfast we had a Scouts Own and Group photo for those on site, followed by a walk with questions and chance to have a go at other games. Before we took most of the tents down before the rain and took all the equipment back to Scout Hall. We had to leave two of the marquees up till Monday so they would be dry.

Thank you goes to all the parents who helped set up and take the tents down, including on the Monday and unloading all the equipment back at the Scout Hall

A lot of hard went into organising the camp; thank you goes to Baloo and her team of leaders for organising a great camp.

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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 DEBENHAMS | GAP | viking | Sainsbury's
 SCREWFIX | JUST EAT | moonpig | OSOS
discover fashion online

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



25th World Jamboree in Korea

After all my fundraising and help from the community I was finally ready for the jamboree, we set off to the airport at the crack of dawn and arrived at Heathrow to a group of ITV journalists. Surprisingly they chose me to interview and I gave them a very nervous and short answers, this wouldn't be the last time we see journalists on the jamboree. Later we caught our thirteen-hour flight to Singapore followed by a seven-hour layover, spending most of the time sleeping on the couches.

After our six-hour flight from Singapore to Korea we hopped on a coach. We then arrived at our very fancy hotel with loads of other contingents such as Qatar and Sweden. We would spend 5 days in Seoul looking at the tourist attractions and being asked for selfies by the locals. We made friends with some Germans and Swiss which we traded a lot of badges with. We went to the DMZ and walked through the North Korean invasion tunnels, which was really cool to see.

After this we then got hit by our first problem, the rain, this was one of the things the Korean scouts didn't prepare the campsite for even though it was typhoon season. We then managed to find a hotel for the night (31st Jul) and spent the next day resting from the past 5 very busy days. Finally, we got the call that it was safe to go to the campsite, (2nd Aug) we headed on our 7 hour drive down the country. Once we had arrived, we were greeted by a huge flooded field, fortunately that wasn't our campsite and we were blessed with a very sandy yet dry camp. After setting our camp up we introduced ourselves to our neighbours, we had the French opposite us as-well as Uganda, Japan and Liechtenstein. We ended up playing a lot of football and rugby with them for the next two days.

(4th) The next day we woke to boiling temperatures and dripping in sweat at 6 in the morning, after eating our lunch and getting ready we went to go ride some quad bikes, a few faints later after an hours walk we made it to the race track. It was very good fun and made good friends with some Argentinians. On our way back we went to a water fountain and toilet and then the president walked out and started doing a propaganda speech stating they were making it their countries number one issue to fix and were willing to do anything for us, while we awkwardly smiled and nodded. A woman from Lichtenstein then came over and started yelling at the president stating that they didn't have any working toilets instantly the cameras went down when she started talking.

When we got to our sub campsite there was a concert going on at a stage so we went over, after this we went back to the campsite which we were then informed that we were gonna be going home the next day, we sulked about for a couple minutes then grabbed a few speakers and went on to the streets. It started off with just five of us and by the end of us there was hundreds of people walking through the Main Street on camp singing together and waving to the police who were happy with us. (5th) In the morning we were told we would have to start leaving now, we went to a "shaded" area to wait for the coaches, it wasn't shaded at all and we were given very limited water to start off it was very hot and eventually we were given more, we had to wait a while for the coaches to arrive. We then got a very relieving air-conditioned coach back to Seoul, where we would be staying in a very lovely 5 star hotel for the next week and half.

During this time, we would be going to Lego land and exploring the rest of Seoul which we couldn't see beforehand. When we arrived in our third hotel of the trip, we were surprised by a group of journalists taking photos and asking questions about the jamboree, we were told to just ignore them and wear a cap and sunglasses, acting like celebrities.

(12th) We then went to the closing ceremony which was held in the World Cup stadium, this was one of my highlights of the trip as it was one of the sites I really wanted to see.

Overall, on the trip I think besides the lack of clean toilets, showers, tents pitched on pallets, it was a really lovely trip meeting new people from around the world and making life long memories, so thank you to everyone who helped me fundraise and supported me in the trip.



Thank you
Joel Wallace

Winter Hill Scouts Young Leader

SQUIRREL NEWS



Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone has had a good summer break. We are looking forward to the term ahead and are excited for the things we have planned. Some evenings we have planned are; science experiments, a Lego evening and our Halloween party. We would also like to welcome our newest squirrels who have joined our drey. We hope they settle in and enjoy the start of their scouting journey. Our first week back the squirrels drew what they got up to over the summer, with a refresher of our golden rules and some games. We had an evening of junk modelling. We talked about recycling and how plastic can end up in the sea and what creatures can be exposed to the litter people drop

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

First session back from the holidays and we built a Squirrel drey on the Green using sticks we collected. We were fortunate for Matt to come and join us from PG Squirrels to teach about being a Policeman! The Squirrels learnt first aid and also got to try on some uniform!

Tufty Littlewick
(Hannah Smith)



BEAVER NEWS



Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers are delighted to be back and have had a couple of great meetings so far. We welcomed some new potential Beavers and played some games on the first week after having a very important log chew-making plans for the upcoming year! Last week we took to the water and had a brilliant 'windy' session at Taplow lake-I think it was enjoyed by parents and Beavers alike.

Sadly our young leader, *Sam*, stepped down during the summer but luckily we now have a new young leader, *Fabien*, joining our team.

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

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone is refreshed after the summer and ready and raring to go. We would like to welcome our newest beavers who join us this term. Our first meeting of the term, as the weather was still warm, was a water based evening. The Beavers did some relay races with cups of water to see which team could transfer the most water from one bucket to another. The evening ended with a water fight. We had an evening planting using recycled material. We talked about healthy eating, then the beavers planted lettuce and cress.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

The Wednesday during half term (25th October) the Scouts Will be running a Halloween Party for both Cubs packs at the Scout Hall



Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick cubs have had a fun start after the summer break.

Firstly we had family camp, with the sun shining the cubs had a great time with all the activities.

Back to our meetings and we welcomed our new cub with some fun team building games outside while the weather was still nice. The problem solving activities brought lots of laughter while the cubs and young leaders worked out how to get the lions and lion tamers over the river! Seeing them work together to solve the challenge was great.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)

Winter Hill Pack

Welcome back to all of our Cubs, our first meeting of the term was at Stubbings with the cubs pitching their tents ready for Family Camp. We were also joined by lots of parents who helped pitch all of the Marquees a great group effort, thank you

We then had our next meeting at the hall where we welcomed some new cubs, we played some join in games including Cub cludo, apparently I was the murderer! and wrote some letters to the First Responders, Wild Maidenhead and Eco hub thanking them for their contribution to family Camp and *Mr Good* for use of his field at Stubbings.

We have also made Conker comets and conducted an Eggcellent experiment which we will see the result of in a future meeting. We also awarded *Zach* and *Dexter Tobias* their Silver Chief Scouts awards as they are now moving up to Scouts, we wish them, *Freddie Comrie*, *Jack Whitehead* and *Zach Howes* every success in the troop. We also say goodbye to *Mattie Curtis-Smith*.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop



We restarted for the autumn term on the 4th September. For our first meeting we pushed the limit of the light by going down to the woods and doing some firelighting and cooked some marshmallows. The scouts who went on Summer Camp are now very proficient at firelighting but everyone had a go.

The next week the scouts were set the challenge of doing mini pioneering, but with strawberry laces rather than rope. Strawberry have less tensile strength but are edible! Some impressive towers were built. For our most recent meeting, we played crazy bowling. A crossover between crazy golf and ten pin bowling.

Outside of our normal meetings, 10 of the troop went on Family Camp, and had an enjoyable time despite the heat!

Scout Leader Littlewick (Mark Courtier)

Winter Hill Troop

The Scouts have done some coppicing for the National Trust, finished off the Athletics badge, attended family camp, delivered flyers for the Jumble Sale and held a Wide Game at Cookham Dean.



JOTI Weekend 21-22 October – Scouts have the opportunity to stay over at the Scout Hall, if interested in doing this please contact *Simon*.

District Night Hike - The District are holding the annual Night Hike on **Friday 17 November 7.30pm** till Saturday 18 November **approx. 1am**. Normally there are over 150 Scouts & parents taking part from all the Troops in the District. We are 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 local 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 on the PG Base.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)

Pinkneys Green Scout Group

Reg. Charity 300501



Dear Reader,

We know it seems early but we are delighted to announce that once again we are offering Christmas Trees to be delivered to your door. As you may be aware, this service run by volunteers, with all profits going directly to the Scout Group so we really appreciate your support! As in previous years we deliver in the Maidenhead / Cookham / Hurley / Littlewick Green areas.

Deliveries will be made on **Saturday 2nd December**. We appreciate some might find this a little early- however you can always leave your tree in a bucket of water until you want to bring it into the house – most suppliers trees will have already been cut & netted so a delayed delivery is unlikely to make any difference to the freshness.

We also offer a recycling service where, for a small charge (£5) we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. (If you did not buy your tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £10)

Twelfth Night is 5th January so we will be running our Recycling collection on **Saturday 6th January** to give you as long as possible with your tree!

We ask that you please place your order either by completing the online form [here](#) or by completing the attached form and returning it to the address on the form.

It may seem early but **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5pm on Sunday 29th October**. We have already been warned by our supplier that there is a small chance of shortages this year and I therefore have to warn everyone, in the unlikely event they can't completely fulfil our order for a specific type and height of tree we will have to distribute to those who ordered first. We might be able to source a few larger trees so please get in touch if you'd like more information.

I am delighted to let you know that we have held prices to match last years! Payment can be made by cheque (payable to **Pinkneys Green Scout Group**) or by BACS to: Sort code **30-95-36**, Account number 59993668. Please use "Tree" followed by your postcode as the reference.

We look forward to receiving your order and may we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Peta & Charlie Almond

PG Scout Group

01628 784545

Trees@PGScouts.org.uk

Online order Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/PinkneysGreenScoutGroup/PGScoutsChristmasTreeOrderForm2023>



ORDER FORM 2023

Please complete in block capitals, and return with payment (cheque to Pinkneys Green Scout Group) to The Querns, 130 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead SL6 5DN if not using the online order form. **By 5pm, 29th October please.**

PLEASE NOTE SIZE IS A RANGE ONLY – TREE MIGHT BE AT EITHER END OF THIS RANGE

NORWAY SPRUCE

The traditional tree, dark green prickly needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£26		
1.5-1.75m (approx. 5ft)	£28		
1.75-2.0m (approx. 6ft)	£35		
2.0-2.25m (approx. 7ft)	£40		

NORDMAN FIR

Non-drop, soft dark green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£31		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£44		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£58		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£86		

FRASER FIR

Slim based, scented tree with non-drop blue-green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£32		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£45		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£62		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£87		

RECYCLING

	Cost	Quantity	Total
PG Tree	£5		
Non PG Tree	£10		

TOTAL PAYMENT

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Any additional information to help locate your house, particularly if no number: