



GROUP NEWS

September 2023



We hope you have had a good summer holiday.

Section leaders will be contacting parents about their first section meeting for the autumn term.

We have a busy Month coming up with our Family Camp, AGM and Jumble Sale.



Pinkneys Green Scouts

JUMBLE SALE

**Sat 30th Sept
10.00 am**

JUST ONE Autumn SALE

Admission £1

**Scout Hall
Winter Hill Road,
Pinkneys Green
SL6 6NS**

Registered Charity No. 300601



Our annual **AGM** will be held on **Saturday 9th September at 6pm** at our camp at Stubbings.

The Executive Committee (Parent support Group) in Scouting is like a board of governors of a school; essentially it makes sure that the best quality Scouting is delivered to young people in our group. The volunteers that make up the Committee give their time to ensure that Scouting continues to meet its charitable purpose, safely and legally, ensure we have sufficient funds for activities, maintenance, utility bills, insurance and equipment. They meet on 1st Monday of the month at 7.30pm for about 1 hour. We also need new members for the committee; we are underrepresented by Squirrel/Beaver/Cub parents; so if your child has just joined, we would like you to join us.

Family Camp - Day Visitors 8th - 10th Sept

If you are not camping as a family unit, at Stubbings Nursery, you are welcome to join us over the weekend, to take part in the activities and see what is happening as a day visitor.

The weekend programme will include:

- Family-friendly activity bases on Saturday morning
- Camp games for all on Saturday afternoon
- Group AGM, games for youngsters and campfire on Saturday evening
- More activities on Sunday morning

Day visitors are welcome to the Family Camp, just bring a picnic.



Jumble Sale - Saturday 30th September

We need some helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall. We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 29th September 6pm, require a car or van or tow a trailer. Helpers to sort Jumble, 6.30pm at the Scout Hall.

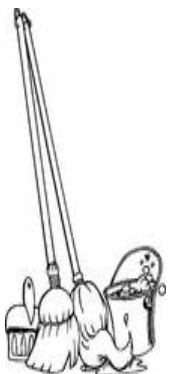
We also require help on the morning of Saturday 30th September 9.30am-12noon selling the Jumble. 12 noon bagging the Jumble and clearing up. 12.30pm to take the remainder of the Jumble to the Tip or local charity shop !

If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, it would be great. Please sign up - <https://volunteersignup.org/8EETB>

Jumble - Donations

Due to us having **NO SPACE** to store Jumble, you can drop off Jumble donations to the Scout Hall, between Friday 22nd September – 29th September.

Please do not drop any Jumble off BEFORE Friday 22nd September



Parents to Clean the Hall

We have a new Rota for the Autumn term and are looking for parent to clean the hall from 12 September.

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.

Special Thank You goes to *Julietta, John & Victor* for spring cleaning the Scout Hall in the summer holidays. We were then able to seal the floor and polish it ready for the section meeting during the autumn term.

The floor had had a bashing after the Scouts returned from camp with so much wet and muddy equipment.





2024 Berkshire Scouts Project Africa

I'm Victor Wilson, I am 16 years old young leader at Winter Hill Scouts, and I will be going on Project Africa next summer in 2024. This is a group of about 70 young people between 14 and 18 and 30 leaders.

Recent complications have meant that unlike previous Project Africa trips, we will be going to Malawi instead of Uganda. However, the work will be roughly the same; making bricks; building schools; painting informational murals. We will be working with local communities that are linked to the charity Joshua in central Malawi, about 4 hours from the main airport.

The group going on Project Africa have already met to do various team building exercises like putting up tents, solving a treasure hunt and researching and building the animals that we will expect to see, as well as participating in a webinar where concerns about the location of Project Africa were resolved. It will cost me £3700 though and I am planning on fundraising the amount. My parents and other helpful people have already organised a silent disco and future quizzes.

Help Send a Scout to Malawi

Victor Wilson Trip to Malawi. He would like to offer babysitting (plenty of experience) and help with odd jobs like helping in the garden, washing cars, jet washing bins etc. He has raised £127 selling books and is planning a quiz and silent disco!

Please contact him initially via email on jwtromp2002@yahoo.co.uk if he can help with anything.

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



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

September 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 3 rd September	10.30am God through music	5pm Evensong	9.15am Holy Communion Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 10 th September	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	4pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 17 th September	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 24 th September	10.30am Family Communion	9.00am Come to the Table	

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.



World Jamboree

Winter Hill Scout Young Leader *Joel Wallace* represented PG as part of the Berkshire Scout Unit, and our Group Scout Leader *Erica Hunter* was part of the UK international Service Unit.

They both had a good time; the UK Scout Association sorted out the problems with the site and arranged new accommodation and activities in Seoul, South Korea.

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/



SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

We hope you've had a good summer. The leaders have been busy planning next term's programme.

We look forward to welcoming new members. This term we have lots of fun activities planned, Halloween party, games and remembrance. We are starting back on Thursday 14th September after family camp.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

Welcome back to Autumn Term! We'll be kicking off term on 11th September with a 'welcome back' meeting with lots of games and help the Squirrels settle back in!

We appreciate that the first few weeks of term can be quite overwhelming, especially for those who have started school, so we will focus on softer skills and hopefully make the most of time outside on the Green (if the weather continues to hold!).

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)



BEAVER NEWS



Winter Hill Colony

We hope you've had a good summer. We look forward to starting the autumn term and welcoming new members.

We have lots of exciting activities planned, including games, crafts and beaver banquet. We are looking forward to family camp and hope to see you there.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Green Beavers will meet back on Monday 11th September and we can't wait to see you and hear about your summers.

Hopefully we will see some of you at Family camp the weekend before.

Our year commences with some water activities at Taplow lake on Monday 18th (slight time change) and also have a visit to the Fire Station planned. We have the fantastic opportunity to be visited by a lady who has altered sight and will help us develop our awareness of what is like to be blind or partially sighted. So this term is looking fun.

Sadly some of our Beavers will have moved up to cubs and *Sam* has stepped down as a young leader but we are excited to welcome our new potential Beavers too.

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

We hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and we are looking forward to hearing all about your adventures.

Our first meeting will be on THURSDAY 7th at Stubbings (Nurseries) 6.30 - 8pm to practice your tent pitching. ALL Cubs and parents especially those that are camping with us at Family Camp. The cubs will be pitching their sleeping tents whilst parents help put up Marquees and Party Tents. Please follow the PG signs, if you get to the car park for the nurseries you have gone too far!!.

Day visitors are welcome to the Family Camp, bring a picnic

Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

2024 Summer Camp – next years camp, plans are underway, Provisional dates RBWM school holidays. **Friday 26 July 2024 to Thursday 8 August 2024** with the younger Scouts going for a shorter time, second part of the camp. *We hope all LG & WH Scouts will be able to attend* – details will be out within the next month.

Winter Hill Troop

August Summer Holidays - we continued to run meetings during the summer holidays, we have had a good attendance with 10-16 attending each meeting. Activities included wide games, some challenge events, building bivouacs as well as drinking hot chocolate at the end of the evenings.



Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)

Littlewick Troop

Hope you all have had a good summer break; our first meetings will be 7.30pm on Monday 4th September.

Scout Leader Littlewick (Mark Courtier)

SUMMER CAMP

This year's camp was held near St Gennys, in North Cornwall, over forty Scouts and leaders attended the camp for thirteen days.



The photo is of the Scouts and leaders who were camping on the first Wednesday of the camp. The photo is not very good quality due to the rain.....

When we arrived, the Scouts had a challenge to put the marquee up in the heavy rain and strong winds, there was a yellow weather warning! We were camping near the north coast 500ft above sea level. We all ended up very wet and muddy.



The Scouts had a busy couple of weeks, but won't be able to do everything that was planned due to the wet weather. They managed a couple of visits to the beach, on days it was not raining, plus a visit to Tintagel Castle, a place inextricably linked with the legend of King Arthur. They also hiked along the Coastal path.



The PLs organised swing ball where up to eight scouts were playing at a time, volleyball, which the rain did not deter them from playing. The older Scouts taught the younger Scouts new card games. The young leaders built and ran a few campfires.



All the Scouts in Patrols cooked their breakfast and evening meals in their patrol areas, on wood fires,



We held a cooking competition, where the patrols produce a three-course meal for their patrol. This was won by **Cobras**. PL The Inter Patrol Competition was won by **Eagles**. **Well done to everyone for taking part.**



We updated the web site every day at camp, with photos. Link on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Thank you goes to parents who helped with preparations for the camp plus dads, *Ian Miller* for driving the lorry and *John Wilson* for driving one of the minibuses to and from Cornwall. To the fourteen leaders who camped for the whole time or came for a few days, we could not have managed without their help.

I am really proud of all the Scouts for coping with the wettest and muddiest Summer Camp we have had for a very long time. They worked in their patrols showing great resilience and teamwork through the whole camp and did not seem to notice the wet weather or mud.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)