



## GROUP NEWS

December 2024

Coming up this month, all members and families are invited to attend our family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings, on Sunday 15 December at 3.25pm.

We are also holding our Annual New Year Morning Walk on Wednesday 1st January, 10.30am.

Next Year our Summer Fair will be on Sunday 22nd June.



### Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a PG Carol Service on  
**Sunday 15th December 2024 at 3.25pm**

at our local Church  
**St. James the Less at Stubbings.**

All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts,  
Young Leaders, parents, brothers, sisters, friends  
are invited to join us at this Special Service

**Tea and Mince Pies will be served**  
afterwards **in the Soltau Centre**



St. Luke's Church  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

## Christmas Tree Festival 2024

6th - 8th December

Church open: Friday & Saturday  
10 am - 7 pm, and  
Sunday: midday - 6pm  
Closing service at 6pm



Refreshments daily    Stalls and Raffle

Supporting Thames Valley Heartbeat  
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[www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk)  
01628 622733  
[www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk)

### Christmas Tree Festival

Littlewick are sponsoring a Christmas Tree at **St Luke's Church Christmas Tree Festival.**

If you are free, pop along and see their tree and lots of others in the church. If you are unable to go and see the trees personally, they can view the trees online from 10am on Friday 6th December on their Christmas Tree web site.

[www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk)

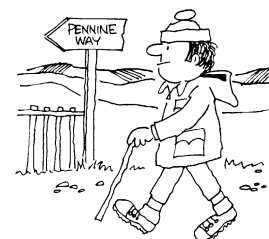
### New Year's Day - Morning Walk

Our annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Wednesday** 1st January 2025.

Time: **10.30 a.m.** at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx. **12 noon.**

Our walk is open to all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, their families and friends of PG.



**We hope you will be able to join us.**

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## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICES

December 2024

Week	St Mary the Virgin, Hurley	St James the Less, Stubbings	St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green
Week 1 Sunday 1st December	10.30 Advent Communion	16.00 Advent Evensong	12 noon Kick off to Christmas 2.15 Christingle and Toy Service
Week 2 Sunday 8th December	10.30 Christingle	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Advent Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 15th December	16.00 Carols by Candlelight	11.00 BCP Communion 3.25 PG Scout Christingle	9.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 22nd December	10.30 Communion	9.00 Carols Coffee & Croissants	5.00 Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December	3.15 Crib service	4.30 Crib Service 11.15 Midnight Mass	2.00 Crib Service
Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December	10.30 Christmas Communion	11.00 Christmas Communion	9.15 Christmas Communion



### Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, *Tarka* (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps. Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box or drop them off at your child's section meeting. Thank you goes to everyone who has dropped off stamps to us.

## Parents Volunteers to Help Clean the Scout Hall

We are short of parent volunteers to clean the hall next year, and looking for some more parents to help.

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 the 22 parents who have helped clean the Scout Hall this year.



## Chewing/ Bubble Gum

Can we remind all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders that **Chewing and Bubble Gum is BANNED** from the Scout Hall and all Scouting activities that they take part in, as members of PG. The reason is that Chewing & Bubble gum can be dangerous if swallowed. It is also VERY antisocial when left on the Scout Hall floor, on tables, chairs etc.



# Babysitter Service

**Mateo Woodhead Pavon**

I am an 18 year old scout leader at Littlewick scout group I am also in my final year of sixth form.

I have had two work experiences both of which I have done in a school. One being an infant school and the other a secondary school. Both of these I took on the role as a teacher and enjoyed it thoroughly.

I am also the eldest of four siblings of whom I have looked after many times.

**Availability**

Weekdays from 4PM till late and any weekends.



Contact me at:  
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## Maidenhead Scout Shop

**7pm – 9pm**  
Plus, Saturday 14th December  
**10am – 12noon**  
at  
19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze  
(Behind Magnet)  
[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

## New Yellow PG Tee Shirt

If you require a new Yellow PG Tee Shirt contact **Raksha** (Mrs Sheila Stinton)  
Tel: - 01628 628160 76, Pinkneys Rd, SL6 5DT

## Black Sacks of Rubbish

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have taken home a black sack of rubbish after their child's section meeting. We have to pay to have rubbish collected and this helps us save some money.

If you have space in your black Wheelie bin or you are going to the tip, and you see a black rubbish sack, please help us by taking it.



## Remembrance Sunday Services

It was good to see all PG members and their families at this year's Remembrance Sunday Services.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group along with parents and families attended the annual Remembrance Sunday Parades.

**Littlewick Green** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at St John the Evangelist in Littlewick Green.

**Winter Hill** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Young Leaders attended the service at St James the Less in Stubbings.



## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey

The first week back after half term, the Squirrels learnt all about remembrance. They made some poppies and played some games. On Remembrance Sunday all the Squirrels, Beavers, cubs and Scouts were invited to St James the Less Church at Stubbings to join in the Remembrance service.



The final week of the month, the Squirrels had a science evening. They did lots of experiments and had lots of fun. They made volcanos and other things that fizzed.

**Tic Tac, Winter Hill** (Tom Beynon)

## Littlewick Drey

It's been a busy month for the LG squirrels. We said goodbye to three of our Squirrels as they moved up to Beavers and welcomed three new Squirrels into our Drey.

We had a wonderful evening learning about Diwali and making beautiful Diya's to share with our families. We have been working towards our feel good and all together badges with team activities and also Storytime badge with a very creative story from the squirrels.



*Red, Littlewick Green* (Vikki Emmitt)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Since being back from half-term we have been busy at Beavers, celebrating light with lantern making to mark Diwali and bonfire night, the Beavers showed off their collections and the most amount of Pokemon cards I've ever seen and have been trampolining at Salt Hill Activity Centre.



We also marked Remembrance Sunday at St John's taking part in the service and adding our flag with the rest of the scouting groups.

*Malak, Littlewick Green* (Phil Franzen)

### Winter Hill Colony

The first week back after half term the Beavers had their scary party run by the Scouts. They did apple bobbing, eating doughnuts from string musical chairs and making each other into mummies. Thank you to those Scouts who helped.

On Remembrance Sunday all the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were invited to St James the Less Church at Stubbings to join in their Remembrance service.

Continuing our space theme, we spoke about the stars. We got out on to the green and, using an app on our tablets; looked at the night sky.

The Final week of the month, we finished our space theme doing mini pioneering by making constellations out of marshmallows and spaghetti.



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

It has been another fun filled few weeks for LG Cubs, a massive thankyou to all the Scouts who ran such a superb Halloween Party. The amazing fancy dress and party games had everyone talking about the event for weeks. We were very proud of those who were able to join us for the Remembrance Parade, they did us all very proud on the day, Thank you. LG Cubs then demonstrated their impeccable behaviour and eagerness to learn with our visit to the fire station. They represented themselves, PG and Scouting so well, and the leadership team couldn't have been prouder.



We then made our decorations for this year's sponsored Christmas tree. They all worked their way around the stations making button trees, clay decorations, pieces of weaving, paper straw stars, pipe cleaner stars, paper snowflakes, paper chains and sun catchers. Please come along to the Christmas tree festival [www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk) to show your support for the young people's hard work, to support an amazing charity and of course to kick off that wonderful festive time.

*Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)*

### **Winter Hill Pack**

Cubs enjoyed a number of activities this month as part of a three week rotation. Split into smaller groups, they covered First Aid, learning basic skills like how to put another person into the recovery position. We discussed renewable energy, the pros and cons of different sources and what we can do to limit our impact on using limited resources such as fossil fuels. We also made a wind turbine each and discussed how reducing our energy use all together can have the biggest impact on national targets to reach Net Zero. The cubs showed a real interest and good knowledge. Each of the groups also took it in turns to visit the Montem Leisure centre in Slough to enjoy a climbing session. Each group used different types of clips and climb as well as belay and worked together to keep each other safe on the wall.



We acknowledged Armistice Day by making a paracord Poppy each, three knots combined to create a Poppy that could be used as a key ring or worn as a brooch. The Cubs worked together in their sixes and gave it a really good effort. These were taken home to finish and I have heard several Cbus were still practicing them at home.

Finally three of our Cubs were awarded the Silver award, well done to those three and everyone for a great month.

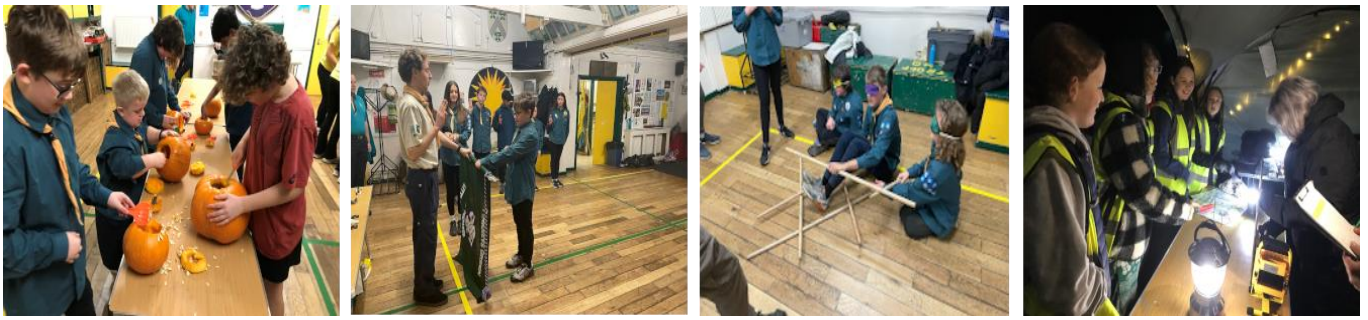
*Akela, Winter Hill (Matt Bolton)*

## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **Littlewick Troop**

Our half term meeting, which was approaching Halloween, we had an evening of pumpkin carving. We ended up with a wide range of themes including a pumpkin Dalek, Harry Potter and a lot of evil faces. These looked really good with candles lit and the lights off. Continuing the Halloween theme, quite a few of the scouts helped run the fun cub's Halloween party. Thanks to Simon for organising.

The following meeting was a hike from Littlewick Green back to Pinkneys Green. It was a good evening for hiking and featured a few fireworks. We then had a meeting of teamwork challenges where the scouts fed back to each other about how they performed in a team and which roles they naturally fell into. This meeting also included a presentation by the scouts who completed the Expedition Challenge at Summer Camp. They told the troop about their hikes and the high- and low-lights of this experience. During this period we have also invested *Morgan* and *Henry* who have completed moving up from cubs.



Outside of normal meetings, we attended the Remembrance Sunday service at St Johns in Littlewick Green. It was also the District Night Hike for which we entered three teams. It was the best conditions I think I have experience for the Night Hike with no need for torches most of the evening due to a very bright moon. All teams completed the 10 km route and 8 bases impressively quickly. Bases included making a stretcher, a difficult history quiz and a memory game. All of our teams did excellently coming 14th, equal 10th and 1st! Many thanks to adults *Matt, Iain, Nick, Jane* and *Mateo* for walking with the teams and the District for organising.

**Scout Leader Littlewick** (*Mark Courtier*)

**Winter Hill Troop**

We have had a busy few weeks, the Scouts have run Halloween parties for both Cub packs and Winter Hill Beavers, plus during half term had their own Halloween evening. On the Scouting front they have completed the Navigation badge and attended the Remembrance Sunday service at Stubbings. Thank you goes to *Alexander Hampton* for holding the Union Flag and *William Bartlett* the Troop flag.

We also held an evening where the Scouts learnt about UNCEF - Children Rights, Wants & Needs, and held a debated on them.

*Edie Wespieser, William Grayson* and *Reuben Cranch* represented the troop in the District Cooking competition, and they did very well and came third.

We entered three teams into the District Night Hike where they joined 261 other Scouts & adults from Troops around Maidenhead. The teams did well coming equal 10th, 8th and 7th. Thank you goes to *Bethany, Alex, Luke, Paul, Oliver* and *James* for walking with the Scouts.



We would like to welcome *Keerthana Gunanathan* who has completed her Moving Up Award from Cubs and has made her Scout promise and invested as a member of the Troop.

We will continue to meet through the Christmas holidays for those Scouts who are not away, as Christmas Day and New Year's Day do not fall on a Friday so we will continue to hold Scout Meetings.

**Scout Leader Winter Hill** (*Simon Wheeler*)

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S**

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

