



GROUP NEWS

February 2024

All Sections are busy with their spring programmes.

We hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday 4th February, to celebrate our 115 birthday.

This years Summer Fair will be on Sunday 23 June and Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 21 September.



Pinkneys Green Scouts is 115 years old on 6 February, All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders, leaders & their families, plus ex members and friends of PG are invited to join us. to celebrate with afternoon tea, some games and a rather large group photo. We will be holding a Group event to celebrate our **115th Birthday on Sunday afternoon, 4th February 2024, 2pm-4pm at Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Hall**.

All current members to wear full uniform for Group photo please.

Invitation, details and form:

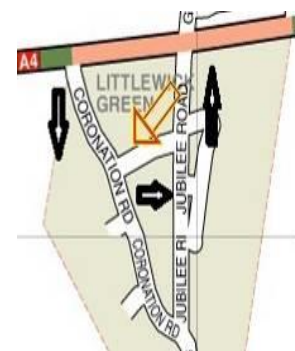
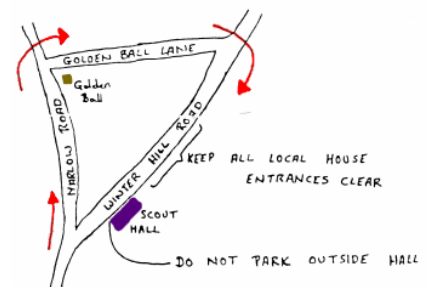
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/PGScoutGroup/PinkneysGreenScoutGroup115thBirthdayParty>

SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S MEETINGS

This is for the Safety of your child and all our members.

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 Years Morning Walk 2024

This year on our annual New Year's morning walk, we started off at the National Trust car park next to the cricket club; from there it went across the green to Stubbings Church yard, where we stopped and looked at the Tree, we planted in 1993 to celebrate our special venture with a Hungarian Scout Troop after the Iron curtain came down. From here we walked to Carpenters Wood, where we stopped at the RAF memorial for a Halifax Bomber that crashed here during WW2. From here we walked up Dungrove Hill lane, by Lee Farm the road was flooded, it was quite deep.. We then returned to the Cricket pitch car park across the green.

Copy of walk <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/walk-2.pdf>



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

FEBRUARY 2024

<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 4th February	10.30 God through Music	16.00 BCP Evensong	09.15 Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 11th February	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	16.00 Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 18th February	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	09.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 25th February	10.30 Holy Communion	09.00 Come to the Table	

PARISH OF BURCHETTS GREEN

SNOWDROP TRAIL

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Coffee 9am - 11am

Sandwiches 11:30am - 1:30pm

Cakes 2pm - 4pm

PRAYER WALK | SNOWDROPS | CAKES

MAKE A CARD | PUZZLES | QUIZ

THE SOLTAU CENTRE

SL6 6QW - OFF HENLEY ROAD
(BEHIND ST. JAMES-THE-LESS, STUBBINGS)
www.burchettsgreenparish.org

Uniform

Can we remind ALL Squirrel, Beaver, Cub & Scout parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. Available from Maidenhead Scout Shop Details, plus map for directions: <http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop>

Please make sure that you know your child's Chest & waist size. The shop will be open every Thursday evening except for half term. Plus, Sat 10 February.

For **Yellow PG Tee Shirts** please contact **Raksha** (Sheila Stinton) 01628 628160 or at Winter Hill Beavers or Cubs.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

10am to 12 noon

District St Georges Day Event



All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join all Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Maidenhead at this year's District St Georges Afternoon Event. Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngsters, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date – **SUNDAY 21st April 2024**, 2pm-4.15pm.

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.



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 <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>

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.

12 Volt Batteries

We are looking for **12 Volt batteries** to run our LED lights at camp.

If you have a working car battery that you no longer require it would be a great help to us. Please email simon@pgtips.org.uk



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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/

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break. We kicked off the year welcoming new squirrels with a games night. We played various games including: squirrel, squirrel, fox (Duck, duck goose) the traffic light game and some parachute games. We also taught the new squirrels our opening and closing ceremony and our golden rules. Things we are looking forward to this term are: a night hike, Chinese new year and making pancakes.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)



Littlewick Drey

Welcome back from Christmas holidays and here's to 2024! We started the year learning about Three Kings celebration in Spain by making our own Kings, trying Spanish food and tackling a piñata! We also made bird feeders to ensure the birds are in our gardens ahead of the Big Garden Birdwatch and learnt a lot about Australia for Australia Day!



Lots to celebrate this time of the year, so we're all working towards our 'Let's Celebrate' activity badges as well as the Challenge badges.

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The year has started well for the Beavers at Littlewick Green. We have had a very creative meeting utilising some large cardboard boxes which led to the manufacture of a submarine, a fully equipped house and a small plane!



We have also been busy making pizzas and creating drinks with their own names!

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

Our first week back the Beavers enjoyed a night full of games. Including the rope game where the beavers have to jump over a rope being swung round. The key game, one beaver sits on a stool blindfolded and another beaver has to quietly, without being pointed at, get the keys from under the stall.

The second week of term we welcomed the new beavers. The new beavers buddied up with an older beaver who looked after them during the evening. The night's activity was making calendars.



In the next few weeks, we are looking forward to doing so many more activities including planning for a spring sleepover!

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Cubs from both Packs, *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* are invited to a Special Meeting during half term, on **Wednesday 14 February**. The Scouts will be running an evening of activities for the Cubs on the green opposite Scout Hall, in Winter Hill road, finishing with Hot Chocolate,



Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick cubs started January with a good game of our favourite game of barricades. The cubs enjoyed trying to outsmart each other and seeing who could get the most out.

Sadly the weather stopped our planned hike however we used the time to build on our problem solving skills by completing the towers of Hanoi. They worked hard on this challenging puzzle and managed to solve it.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)

Winter Hill Pack

We started back with a Pack forum, what the cubs like doing last term and what they would like to do this term. It is called making the program "Youth Shaped". We have had some ideas which we will incorporate in the coming months. We then tackled some problem solving activities, some we will revisit as needed more time. " Towers of Hanoi"

Over the next 2 weeks they will be doing the DIY badge so more photos next month.

Our next big activity is the 115th Birthday Party on Sunday 4th Feb, we hope to see you there.

Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)



SCOUT NEWS

Walking Boots

Any Scout who is interested in a pair of Walking Boots **size 8.5** that are used but still in good condition., for free. For more details email littlewickscouts@gmail.com

HALF TERM – Running Cubs Activities on the Green

We are looking for help from *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill Scouts* running Cubs Wednesday during half term. 14th February 5.45pm – 8pm. We will be setting up an assault course on the green and a blind trail in the woods, plus Matchstick Puzzle. If you are not away at half term, and not doing anything and can help (**All Scouts** can help). You will need to wear your uniform, waterproof coat & boots, plus bring pair shoes to wear in hall.



Littlewick Troop

Since the New Year we have had two meetings. During the first the scouts in small teams had to come up with an invention that would have improved their Christmas. They then pitched this to the rest of the troop in Dragon's Den style. My favourite was the Christmas Alldayenator which was a time manipulating device which could increase the length of your Christmas day by as long as you wanted. We also decided on activities to do for the #OutdoorIn24 challenge from the Scouts. This is to do 24 outdoor activities in 2024; some big and some small. Most of these are suited to better weather, but we will fit some in this term.

For the second meeting, we played Trains and Ladders, which is like Snakes and Ladders but with a railway safety twist (plus a few reliability based forfeits I added to The Rail Industry's suggestions...).



The scouts made a human size board from canes so everyone could play themselves as pieces.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

We had an evening of where the Scouts were taught what to do in an emergency, including, electrocution, falling through ice, drowning, some were very good at throwing a lifeline. We finished off with a power cut and fire drill. We also had a Knotting evening, and team building evening, build a structure out of spaghetti. The YLs and PLs have been coming up with new games.



We would like to welcome *Brody Turner* and his family to the Troop, *Brody* has made the Scout promise and been invested as a Scout.

Also like to welcome Ex PG Scout *Oliver Aerts*, back as a Young Leader, he moved to Dragons Explorers 2½ years ago. *Oliver* is doing his Service Gold *Duke of Edinburgh's* Award.

Barney Harris, Jude Sanders, Sripratish Rao, Maya Barley and *Jonah Puddephatt* attended the District Patrol leaders training course, where they joined other Scouts from other eight other Maidenhead Troops. We are looking forward to them putting in to practice what they have learnt.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)