



## GROUP NEWS

January 2024



On behalf of all the Leaders, we hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas

# We Wish You

# A Happy New Year



Sections will be starting back after the Christmas holidays; we have a busy year coming up. We will be celebrating our Birthday on 4th February. Our Summer Fair is on Sunday 23rd June, and we have a Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st September. *PG Tips has been produced for 39 years this month, 468 issue.*



We will be holding a Group event to celebrate our **115th Birthday** on **Sunday afternoon, 4th February 2024**. All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders, leaders & their families, plus ex members and friends of PG are invited to join us.

You will be receiving details via your child section leader. Friends of PG who would like to have more details, please email [115birthday@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:115birthday@pgscouts.org.uk)

We hope you will be able to join us for the afternoon.

PG Scouts was founded in the very early days of Scouting, 6th February 1909 and has enjoyed a continuous record of successful activity since.

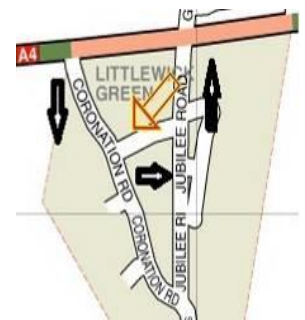
## SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S MEETINGS

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

**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.



**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*.

## PLEASE HELP US TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS DO NOT PARK ACROSS OUR NEIGHBOURS' DRIVEWAYS

## PG Christmas Trees

Thank you goes *Peta & Charlie Almond* for coordinating the sales and delivery of this year Christmas tree fundraising activity and to all the Parents and Scouts who delivered the trees and collecting them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a PG Christmas tree.

**We have raised about £5,000.**



## 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.

## Have You LOST A COAT !

Since our Jumble Sale in September, we have managed to collect 11 coats and could not find who they belong to.

We have managed to return lots of other items that have been left at the Scout Hall as they had their owners name in them.

All the coats that we had in the hall in September, we could not find owners, were put in our Jumble Sale.

See photo on right, they vary in size from squirrels, four-year-olds, to Scouts twelve-year-olds.

Please make our life easier to return lost items and put your child's name in their clothes, including uniform, PG Green & Yellow scarfs (We have disagreements on scarfs, that are unnamed)



## Christingle (Carol) Service

It was good to see all the Parents, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Friends of PG at our Christingle Service at our parish church at *St James the Less, Stubbings*.



Special thank you goes to *Revd. Tom Etherton* for arranging the service.

Also, to all the parents who made the Christingles, to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments, that were served afterwards in the Soltau Centre. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles.

## 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 or drop them off at the Scout Hall, so it can go in the second-hand uniform box.



## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

### JANUARY 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 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 God through Music	16.00 BCP Evensong	09.15 Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 Holy Communion	08.00 BCP Holy Communion	16.00 Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	09.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30 Holy Communion	09.00 Come to the Table	

### 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.

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 8.45pm**

(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

**10am to 12 noon**

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze  
(Behind Magnet)

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](http://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)

### 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 child's **Chest & waist size**. The shop will be open every Thursday evening except for half term. Plus, Saturday 12 January.

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

### Dates for Your 2024 Diary

- 4 February – **Group 115 Birthday Celebration**
- 14 February – *Half term*. Cub Incident Hike on Green. Run by Scouts **Both Packs**
- 2 March – District Beaveree – All Beavers
- 21 April – District St Georges Day Event – All PG Members
- 11 May – District JOTT Jamboree On The Trail - Cub Hike
- 17-19 May – Scout Troop Camp – All Scouts
- 29 May - *Half term*. Cub Activity in Woods run by Scouts **Both Packs**
- 23 June - **Group Summer Fair** **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** our major Fundraising event
- 26 July – 8 August Scout Summer Camp – All Scouts
- 21 September – **Group Jumble Sale** Parents Help Required
- 18-20 October – JOTA / JOTI Jamboree On Air & Internet
- 30 October – *Half term*. Cub Halloween Party run by Scouts **Both Packs**
- 10 November – Remembrance Sunday Event
- 15 November - District Scout Night Hike – All Scouts
- 8 December – PG Christingle Service at *Stubbings Church*



## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey

I can't believe another month has already passed. It's been a busy one. The squirrels had a show and tell evening when they brought in their toys or collections to show to the rest of the group - we even had one squirrel showing off a dance they had learnt. The following week the squirrels did some cooking. They made tiramisu - child friendly of course. They made it with fruit juice instead of coffee and alcohol. They took it in turns to weigh the ingredients and stir the mixture. Thank you *Pickles* for organising, they really enjoyed it.

As Christmas was fast approaching, we had an evening making some Christmas cards. Finally our last evening of the year was a Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas. The squirrels played some games and had a cake, before Father Christmas gave out some presents.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped at squirrels and, wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will return on the 11th January.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

### Littlewick Drey



Runner-up  
Charlie Craythorne, age 5  
Littlewick Green Squirrels Drey

A quiet few weeks leading up to the end of term - but by no means any less fun! We've been making Christmas treats, snowflakes, and learning about the importance of teamwork and leadership.

We welcomed *Fred* and *Charlie* into the Drey officially by investing them! Congratulations both, we're very pleased to have you join our Drey.

Also congratulations to *Charlie* who was selected as a runner up in *Theresa May's* Christmas card competition! His **Rudolf card** design will now be printed on the back of *Theresa's* Christmas card which will be seen by politicians, heads of state and royalty!

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024!

*Tuft Littlewick* (Hannah Smith)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Winter Hill Colony

It's been another busy month filled with festive activities. The first week of the month the beavers brought in a glass jar that they then painted and decorated and turned into a candle holder. The second week the beavers did some festive cooking. The beavers made some shortbread to bake at home and iced some gingerbread.



They all took it in turns to weigh and stir the ingredients.

The final week of the term was the Beavers' choice. They wanted to go to church and sing some songs. So we went to Stubbings *St James the Less* church. The vicar *Tom* held a short service, where the beavers got to sing a few songs. Then they headed to the church hall for a little party to finish off the term.

I would like to thank everyone who makes Beavers possible and wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2024.

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

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

A short but busy December for the Littlewick cubs.

The cubs made decorations for the Christmas tree festival held at St Luke's church. The Christmas bugs and angels looked great.



We finished before the break designing Christmas jumpers.

We hope the cubs have a good break and we look forward to seeing them in the New Year.

**Rama Littlewick** (Emma de Goede)

### **Winter Hill Pack**

This month was all about thinking of others and Christmas festivities.

We started by making Christmas cards for Wexham Park Hospital and patients that will send Christmas in hospital. We also did a collection for Foodshare. They were extremely pleased to receive the donation from the cubs.

We then had the group Christingle followed by refreshments in the church hall at Stubbings, as this coincided with the Parish toy services that weekend we asked that members brought a gift for a child. These will be distributed by social services. Thank you everyone that brought something from all sections.



Our last week was at the Pantomime, Oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was, *The Snow Queen* at Holyport Memorial Hall. All the Cubs had a great time, it did run a bit longer than expected however it was great fun with lots of audience participation.

**Baloo Winter Hill** (Erica Hunter)

## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **Littlewick Troop**

Recently we had a Christmas themed cooking evening. The aim was to make a base of *Brazilian brigadeiros* (like a truffle), then create snowballs by dipping them in white chocolate, and then assemble snowmen. We rather ran out of time doing this (too many cooling steps) so not many snowmen were assembled, but I gather something tasty, if not aesthetically pleasing, was made.

The next meeting was based around the Creative challenge badge requirement to use the internet safely and creatively. For this the scouts were tasked to use a generative AI to create a fake local news article. First they

were shown some examples from history (think BBC spaghetti trees) and then given a briefing on the risks when using current generative AIs. Then in teams they wrote inventive prompts to generate what turned out to be hilarious “news” articles. Stories included murderous penguins, scout leaders tea obsessions going too far, and encounters with Evil Santa.



Our final meeting of the term was our Christmas party with a meeting full of party games. We finished by being luck enough to hand out two Chief Scout Gold Awards to *Poppy* and *Jude*. They have both enthusiastically taken part in all aspects of scouting and achieved a lot, so our congratulations go to them.

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

### **Winter Hill Troop**

December was a remarkably busy month, we met every Friday, including during the Christmas holidays.

We started off with the evening working in teams completing *Taskmaster* challenges. The teams had various challenges to complete including drawing a picture down a line of Scouts on their backs, we were amazed with some teams who got in correct.

Thank you goes to the twenty, plus Scouts who donated items for Maidenhead *Foodshare*, who were pleased with their donations.



A few Scouts and their families attended the Christingle Service at Stubbings church, thank you goes to *Sripatish Rao* for holding the Troop flag, and *Varsha Vishak & Edward Coppins* who did the readings.

One week in pairs Scouts had to design four different types of paper airplanes, each plane had to complete a different challenge.

Twenty-Five members of the Troop joined Winter Hill Cubs and went to see *Maidenhead Drama Guild*, Pantomime, *The Snow Queen* at Holyport Memorial Hall. Ex PG Young Leader - *Eloise Pocock* was *Erika* one of characters.



The last meeting of 2023, the Friday between Christmas and New Year, the Scouts held their New Year Party, where fourteen member of the Troop played party games, including some new ones and enjoyed a banquet of party food. One of the Scouts *Eddie* made a special Cake for the Troop party.

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