



GROUP NEWS

June 2024

We have a busy term coming up with camps and activities.

We have our Summer Fair at the end of June. We really need your support; it will be great to see you on the day, (either helping or supporting the group).

The Cubs & Scouts have their annual camps coming up in July.



SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 23rd June 2024

12noon onwards

On Green opposite *Boundary Arms*

Don't miss the fun!

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, Plant Stall, BBQ, Teas & cake tent, Bouncy Castle

Fun Dog Show at 3.00pm

Registration from 2.30pm

Plus many more attractions



OUR SUMMER FAIR - HELP REQUIRED

We need your help with:

🌸 **Tombola Items** Unwanted presents, wine, beer, toiletries, stationery, canned drinks, foods and any other spare items for the **Tombola** – *please drop off all alcohol directly to the leader.* Food & Drink to be inside Best Before date on the 24th of June.



🌸 Spare toys, soft toys All Soft Toys must be machine washed, dried or we can't sell them and books for the Fair Stalls

🌸 Bake (or buy) a Cake and bring it on the day.

🌸 Please save any plants which you or neighbours are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over for the **Plant stall.**

🌸 **Books** New and Second hand for the **Book Stall**



We really need **volunteers** to make the Fair a success. **Please help for 90 mins**, either setting up on **Saturday 22nd, Morning 10.30am** or afternoon **2pm**, during the Fair or to clear up afterwards on **Sunday 23rd 4.00pm - 5.30pm.**

Anyone willing to help, set up, during the fair on a stall or side shows, signup sheet <https://volunteersignup.org/XD33A>



Burchetts Green Parish Church Services: June 2024

	St Mary the Virgin Hurley	St James the Less Stubblings	St John the Evangelist Littlewick Green
Week 1 Sunday 2nd June	10.30 God in Music	18.00 Evensong	9.15 Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 9th June	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	16.00 Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 16th June	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	
Week 4 Sunday 23rd June	10.30 Holy Communion	9.00 Come to the Table	
Week 4 Sunday 30th June			10.00 Parish Service

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 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/

Thank you goes to everyone who has gone via this page when you shop online.

Parents Parent Rota to clean the hall

We are looking for more parent volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the hall. 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.



We need to sort a rota out for next term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please complete our online form www.pgscouts.org.uk/clean

Anytime between Tuesday morning (Weds only before 5.30, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm. **A big thank you** goes to all the parents who helped us, it was a great help.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

Plus, second Saturday of month

10am – 12noon

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

Old 12 Volt Batteries

We are still looking for old 12 Volt car batteries to run our LED lights at camp.

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



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 during the summer months. (Something to look forward to) 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

SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

This month is short due to bank holidays but it was all about Exploring. Where to go, what to take, then go and Explore and then talk about our adventure and where else the Squirrels had been.

We Explored the village, alleyways, St Johns church, bottom green and the wishing well and saw lots of wild



flowers. The Squirrels then did a drawing of an adventure they had been on. Definitely a I wish i was there moment.

We also invested some new Squirrels, *Finley, Oliver, Athrav, Srinika.*

Looking forward to seeing you all after half term for lots of out door activities.

Baloo (Erica Hunter)

Winter Hill Drey

Now the weather is getting better the Squirrels have been able to get to enjoy the great outdoors. At the start of the month, the Squirrels enjoyed a bluebell walk and nature hunt. They identified different bugs and insects. Continuing on the same theme of nature, the Squirrels had an evening of making bug hotels and artwork using natural materials. We first played some games in the green, then collected sticks, flowers and other natural materials to make our hotels and artwork.

The Squirrels enjoyed an evening of fire building. They gathered twigs to help start the fire. Then they cooked chocolate bananas and toasted marshmallows to make s'mores. As the Scouts we're getting ready for troop camp, the Squirrels visited Burchetts Green C of e infants school. The squirrel planted some sunflowers before exploring and having a play on the playground and outdoor equipment.



Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been very active recently.

Last week we practiced traditional sports day games and had fun with the parachute and this week we all brought our bikes and learnt about bike maintenance before heading off on a cycle together. This incorporated road safety and listening skills!

Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)



Winter Hill Colony

This month the Beavers have enjoyed lots of activities. We had an evening of cooking when the Beavers made armpit fudge. They weighed out the ingredients then put them in a ziplock bag and mixed it using their armpit,



which helped to soften the butter.

As the weather is getting nicer, we are managing to get outside. The Beavers did a nature trail and bug hunt. They had to identify different leaves, insects and bugs.

Over the coming weeks the Beavers will be fire lighting and tent pitching.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The cubs have enjoyed lots of fun activities this month.

They enjoyed making air cannons and then used them to try and knock down some spare cups.

We then joined up with PG cubs to attend a session run at the eco hub in Maidenhead.

The cubs were really engaged in all three activities and learnt lots about recycling, reducing and reusing.



All this intermingled with some team games had meant for a busy month. We hope the cubs have a great half term.

Rama Littlewick (Emma de Goede)

Winter Hill Pack

May already!! We did some more work for the Gardeners badge so hopefully once we start seeing some pictures of how well they have looked after them we will get more badges !! We then planned a Hike for later in May, so they the Cubs could learn about different road crossings and the Green cross code. One group even managed to learn about the railway crossing with a train, well timed. They also learnt about the Country Code.

A team of 4 led by Rusty, Jack H, Natty, Astri and Peter, spend a very hot Saturday doing the district incident hike, they visited several bases and did a challenge or activity at each. Each team was awarded points at each base, we were in the middle which was good considering not had any particular practice and i think they all enjoyed it and the ice cream!!

We also had a joint visit with Littlewick Cubs to the Eco Hub in the town centre. It was a very interesting visit, all about eco gardens, recycling, how eco we are all at home and a game about a Banana!. The Eco hub is open for anyone to visit in the Nicholsons centre and has activities for all ages.

Our final meeting is during half term where we will be litter picking on the PG Triangle.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

Troop Camp – 58 youngsters from Littlewick and Winterhill Scouts spent a weekend camping in Henley. The Scouts took part in a traditional Scout camp, working in Patrols Activities included Scouts cooking all their meals on wood fires, learning basic Scouting and camping skills, archery, cooking competition, wide games.



Photos on: <https://tinyurl.com/ywss2kfn> Plus Scouts Facebook facebook.com/pgscouts/

Congratulations goes to:

- **Eagles** - **PL Jude Sanders** on winning the Cooking Competition.
- **Buffaloes** - **PL Sophia Mormech** on winning the Camping competition.

Can we thank all the parents who have helped with this year's camp, we had a great response which made the camp go a lot easier and help my assistants have a better camp. We were late finishing on the Sunday due to a problem with local roads being closed and parents being caught up in gridlocked roads on the division.

Thank You goes to dad, *Ian Miller* for driving the lorry to camp, *James Woodward* for organising the Air rifle shooting; *Matthew Milston*, for organising the archery. *Tom Beynon & Rob Harris* for judging the Cooking Competition, *Ollie Hodges* for running the evening activities. *Paul Conacher and James Pagliaro* for running the campfire. Plus, leaders *James Ashe, Jordan Day-Hunt, Peter Marshall, Barry Palmer, Alex Robins* and *Myles Rankin* for helping during the weekend.

Special Thanks goes to the leaders: *BoB Weingarh, Mark Courtier, Matthew Milston, Paul Conacher, Callum Kunchur and Frank Williams* for helping and camping for the whole weekend.

Plus, the PLs, Scouts and parents who helped load and unload the lorry and put all the equipment away at end of camp.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Scout Tombola at Summer Fair

Littlewick and Winterhill Scouts are running the **Tombola** again at our Summer Fair, we need all Scouts support to make it a success. **Can each Scout provide 6-8 items.**

Help is required from all Scouts at Fair on Sunday 23rd June either setting up Tombola from 10am-12noon or running the Tombola, hour shift between 12noon – 4pm **We are short of Scouts this year** as quite a few are away for the weekend on a School Trip, **if you are available, your help will be appreciated.**



Littlewick Troop

Having done some preparation in the previous meeting, we held a mock trial for one meeting. One of the scouts was tried for a driving offence with other scouts performing the defence, prosecution, court administration and jury. This was presided over by our judge *Mateo*. This was quite a different challenge to normal scout activities. It is not easy to come up with an evidence-based argument in one meeting. Despite this, the activity went quite well and hopefully everyone learnt a bit about our justice system.

After this the bank holidays have meant we have had less meetings than normal, but we also had an evening of firelighting and cooking smores in the woods. This was good preparation for Troop Camp for which a large number of our scouts attended and seemed to have a great, if exhausted at points, time.

During this period, we have had some new joiners to the troop and invested *Beatrice* and *Ivy* recently.



Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

The Scouts had a guest Speaker: *James Ketchell* <http://www.jamesketchell.net/> a British adventurer. He came along to a Scout meeting and gave the Scouts a motivational talk and showed us what he has done "James has been on many adventures - the triathlon of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean, summiting Mount Everest and cycling around the world. Another thing he has done is go around-the-world flying in a gyroplane".

Other meetings during May have included the Scouts preparing equipment for Troop camp. As we had a lot of Scouts going, we had to source equipment from all over the place.

We had a good turnout for Troop Camp, the older Scouts taught the younger Scouts some basic camping skills, thank you goes to the PLs for their hard work.

Troop meetings between the wet weather we have been able to get out on to the green to do some activities and play some games, despite some of the evenings being quite chilly. We had one meeting in the woods one or two Scouts managed to get quite muddy.



The Friday during half term we will be holding a special evening for the Scouts who are not away, they will be running the Cub meeting, collecting litter followed by games in the woods.

Plans are well underway for this year's Summer camp we are off for a couple weeks to South of Oxford.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)