



GROUP NEWS

March 2024

As the evenings are getting lighter, the sections are starting to do activities outside.

It was good to see so many ex-members at our 115 birthday party.

We are looking for help with organising the Raffle at our Summer Fair.



Pinkneys Green Scouts was 115 years old on 6th February,

On Sunday 4th February we held a Special Birthday Party at Boyne Hill Altwood Scout hall, to celebrate our 115th Birthday.

Over 230 members, family & friend attended. The youngsters took part in games, before sitting down for afternoon tea. Thank you goes to all the parents who supplied the sandwiches and cake.

We took the above photo of 83 PG Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders and leaders.

After the Group photo, the District Lead Volunteer *Rob Harris* presented Winter Hill Assistant Scout Leader *John Bannerman* with an award for 30 years' service.



Burchetts Green Parish Church Services

MARCH 2024



	St Mary the Virgin Hurley	St James the Less Stubbings	St John the Evangelist Littlewick Green
Week 1 Sunday 3 rd March	10.30 <u>am</u> God through music	4.00 pm Evensong	9.15 <u>am</u> Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 10 th March Mothering Sunday	10.30 Mothering Sunday Service	8.00 <u>am</u> BCP Holy Communion	9.15 <u>am</u> Mothering Sunday Service
Week 3 Sunday 17 th March	10.30 <u>am</u> God in Quiet	11.00 <u>am</u> BCP Holy Communion	9.15 <u>am</u> Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 24 th March PALM SUNDAY	10.30 <u>am</u> God in Quiet	9.00 <u>am</u> Come to the table	
Thursday 28 th March MAUNDY THURSDAY			7.30 Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 29 th March GOOD FRIDAY	10.30 <u>am</u> Good Friday Reflection	2.00 pm Reflection at the Cross	
Saturday 30 th March HOLY SATURDAY		4.00 pm Easter Vigil	
Week 5 Sunday 31 st March EASTER SUNDAY	6.30 <u>am</u> Dawn service (outside) 10.30 <u>am</u> Easter Communion	11.00 <u>am</u> BCP Easter Communion	9.15 <u>am</u> Easter Communion

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.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm
(Term Time)

Second Saturday of month

10am to 12 noon
at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

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, **Saturday 9 March**.

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

St Georges Day Event

All PG members, (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers, 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 along with the youngsters.

We will meet at *Oldfield School* before walking to *Braywick Nature Reserve*, to take part in various activities before all members renew their promises. Details will be given to members nearer to the event. Please make a note of the date.



SUNDAY 21st April 2024, 2pm-4.15pm.

Littlewick Cubs HAVE SPACES

COME AND ^{cubs} EXPLORE



Littlewick Cubs
Gilchrist Hall, Littlewick Green
Wednesday 6.30 -8pm
Girls and Boys aged 8 to 10.5 years
Free trial, come and see what we do.
For more info email lg.akela@gmail.com

We also have Squirrels age 4 & 5 yrs or Beavers age 6 & 7 for more information contact erica.hunter2@btinternet.com 07899 075203

Web site - pgscouts.org.uk



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Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 4 years and not yet old enough to join.

Are they on our waiting list so that when they reach 4, they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment.

If in doubt, please check and ask. email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com

Summer Fair

Volunteers - We would like some volunteers to help with the summer fair.



Raffle prizes – Organise printing and distribution of raffle tickets.

If you can help email our GSL *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com

Gardeners - Gardeners, can we please ask for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out.

Fair Date is Sunday 23rd June

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 Morrisons 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/

Lawn Mower

If you have an old battery or petrol lawn mower you no longer require, we looking for one to cut the path this summer, that goes across the green opposite the Scout Hall.

Let Simon now Simon@pgscouts.org



Raise funds for Pinkneys Green Scouts every time you shop online

Find us on easyfundraising to start:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/>

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SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

We have been very busy as usual. The Squirrels planned what they would need to take on their night hike next week, then we had an evening dedicated to Burns night with Highland Games and food tasting.



We went on a treasure hunt night hike. The Squirrels split into groups, they had to find film canisters with treasures inside.

Another evening's activity was based on Chinese New Year. The Squirrels designed their dragon faces in teams before doing a dance, using a bed sheet. We then said goodbye to our eldest Squirrels who move on to Beavers.

The final week of the month, the Squirrels made pancakes. They weighed out the mixture and took it in turns to cook them. Then we invested our newest Squirrels.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

A busy few weeks at Squirrels - we've been celebrating Chinese New Year by making dragon bookmarks, learning how to use chop sticks and making chopstick holders; making kindness flowers, and understanding what being kind means.

Congratulations to our three latest Squirrels to gain their Chief Acorn Award - *Bonnie, Robyn* and *Imogen*! We also said goodbye to two of our Squirrels - *Bonnie* and *Harriet* - as they moved up to Beavers.



At Crazy's Hill School, *Nutkin, Bertie* and *Imogen* celebrated Founder's Day by wearing their uniforms! A great way to raise awareness for Scouting!

Tufty Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have been very creative recently. We have been using hand bells to create music as well as celebrating Chinese New Year with making four fabulous Chinese Dragons.

We have been excited to welcome new members as well as award two Bronze awards recently.

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



Rainbow Littlewick (Sarah Brodie)

Winter Hill Colony

The Beavers talked about scouts all over the world. We spoke about different traditions and what we do that is the same. Then the Beavers painted a good turn box. Then, at home every good turn they did they could write down and put it inside the box. This will then go towards a badge.



The next week, the Beavers were challenged to build the tallest tower by using newspaper and sellotape. We then said goodbye to our eldest Beavers who swam up to Cubs. We wish them well. Beavers spoke about the good turns they did, played some games then had cake to celebrate The Group being 115 years old. The last evening We looked at flags and the Beavers had to identify different flags and countries. Then we invested our newest Beavers.

Tic Tac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Durring half term the Scouts ran the Cub Meeting for Cubs from both Packs, *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill*. The evening of activities, consisted of - on the green, an assault course , solving matchstick puzzles using 6ft poles and a blind trail in the woods, the Cubs & Scouts finished off with hot chocolate,



Littlewick Pack

The Littlewick cubs are looking for new member. See details on Page 3. If you know anyone who is aged between 8 – 10 years old, interested in joining, please pass on the information or contact **Akela Pete Matthews** LG.Akela@gmail.com



Winter Hill Pack

This month we have been working towards the DIY badge. The cubs all made a bird table which will be ready to take home next week. We invested our new cubs, 4 came up from Beavers. *Finn, Bruce, Rory, Freddie* and *Flo* who is new to the group. Some cubs attended the half term activity run by the scouts.



Baloo Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS

Running Cubs Activities at half term on the Green - Thank you goes to the fourteen Scouts and three Scout leaders who ran the half term activity for the Cubs.

Troop Camp - All Scouts from Littlewick and Winterhill Troops should have received a letter about this year's weekend camp in May. If you have not received a letter, please email Simon - simon@pgscouts.org.uk



Littlewick Troop

We have had a busy run of meetings since last PG Tips. The first featured a leadership activity where, in teams of four, the team leader was briefed on the activity (to build a bridge out of canes) but, without their knowledge, the rest of the team was briefed to split the following behaviours between themselves: to always agree with their leader, to always disagree, or to alternate. This therefore created a challenging team to manage. The scout leaders let the activity run for a bit, during which not much progress was being made on the bridges, before revealing the conceit. Some great acting occurred prior to the reveal!

We had a meeting on what to think of when choosing a campsite followed by one where we discovered and discussed the wide range of locations where the materials for our jumpers came from. Over half term, we cooked pancakes and some of the scouts also helped *Simon* run the cub meeting on Wednesday.



Our most recent meeting covered different daily skills. The scouts rotated around four bases: changing lightbulbs, patching bicycle inner tubes, ironing their scout neckerchief and sewing on a button. Parents note, they should now be able to do these things if they could not before. Household task seem more enjoyable when done with friends.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

One Troop meeting the Scouts in patrols, had to light a candle at the far end of the hall; Investigator Skills Evening to solve crimes: Sew a badge on their Scout shirt: An Evening cooking pancakes; Another Evening using newspapers to build the tallest flagpole and design a new outfit: Continue with the Youth Shape Award,

We also held some training courses Where the Scouts slept in the hall and were taught basic Scouting skills and despite the weather and mud the Scouts managed to light some fires and do some cooking. We are continuing to come up with a new game each week,



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

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)