



## GROUP NEWS

May 2024



We are still looking for a parent volunteer to help with organising the Raffle or Silent Auction at our Summer Fair.

We had a good turnout, at the District St Georges afternoon, thank you goes to everyone who attended.

Some sections are busy planning camps / residential experiences for their section, we are looking forward to having some dryer weather !

## District St Georges Day

It was so good to see all the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders and Leaders at this year's District St Georges afternoon event at Braywick Nature reserve.

The Squirrel, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts joined other youngsters in their sections from all the Groups in Maidenhead and took part in fun games.

The closing ceremony all members renewed their promises. A collection was taken for *Thames Valley Adventure Playground*, which raised £350.



## **SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO YOUR CHILD'S MEETINGS**

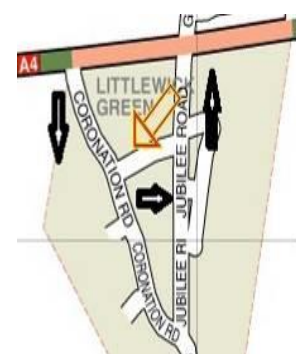
This is for the Safety of your child and all our members.

**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**



## Burchetts Green Parish Church Services: May 2024

	St Mary the Virgin Hurley	St James the Less Stubbings	St John the Evangelist Littlewick Green
Week 1 Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 Festival Eucharist		
Week 2 Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 Holy Communion	8.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Week 3 Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 God in Quiet	11.00 BCP Holy Communion	9.15 Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30 Holy Communion	9.00 Come to the Table	

### 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.

### 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 four, 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](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

- **Squirrels** are 4-6 Year Olds
- **Beavers** are 6 – 8 Year Olds
- **Cubs** are 8 – 10 Year Olds

**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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### 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/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts/)

## PG Summer Fair

We are holding our Summer Fair on the Green and Fun Dog Show opposite the old Boundary Arms, Pinkneys Road, on **Sunday 23 June**.

We will be looking for support from Squirrels, Beaver, Cubs and Scouts and their parents, with our major Fundraising event of the year.



**Gardeners** - can we please ask for any spare plants when 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. They would much rather find a new home for them.

**Tombola Items** Can you please collect 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 **Use by Date** of the 24th of June 2024 If you can help, please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

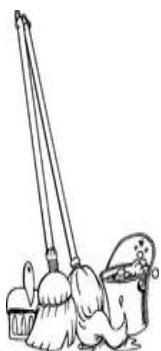
A poster for the Summer Fair. At the top left is a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit holding a glass. In the center, the text reads 'SUMMER FAIR' in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Sunday 23rd June 2024' and '12noon onwards'. Below this, it says 'On Green opposite Boundary Arms' and 'Don't miss the fun!' in red. A list of activities follows: 'Side Shows, Beer &amp; Pimms Tent, Tombola, Plant Stall, BBQ, Teas &amp; cake tent, Bouncy Castle, Classic Car Show'. The main event is 'Fun Dog Show at 3.00pm' in large blue letters, with 'Registration from 2.30pm' below it. At the bottom, it says 'Plus many more attractions' in purple. On the right is the Scouts logo for Pinkneys Green Scout Group. At the bottom left and right are cartoon illustrations of two dogs.

## Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

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

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.



## 12 Volt Batteries

We are looking for old 12 Volt 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](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)



## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Winter Hill Drey



We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break.

We welcomed the squirrels back with an evening designing a superhero costume. The squirrels chose their colour and template then got creative. On Sunday 21st April we had our annual St George's day event at Braywick Park. This is a chance for the whole district to get together from squirrels to Explorers. We had an afternoon of fun and games.

Over the coming weeks we have lots of fun planned including a bluebell walk and making bug hotels.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

### Littlewick Drey

We joined Squirrels from all over Maidenhead at the St Georges Day celebration in Braywick Park on Sunday afternoon and had a lovely time.

Then this week our theme was St George where we made dragons, learnt about the story of St George and decorated some biscuits.

We would also like to welcome Vikki Emmitt a new leader, she hasn't got a Squirrel name yet and we say goodbye to Bushey (Annie).

Next time picture of 4 new Squirrels being invested



*Baloo* (Erica Hunter)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Some of our members and leaders joined the St George's Day event and had a great afternoon.

This week we spent the evening predicting experiments which was great fun and involved a lot of discussion. We are also very excited to have invested several new Beavers recently and three more investing next week! But most of all



We are excited by the lighter nights and the opportunity to get back outdoors.

*Rainbow Littlewick* (Sarah Brodie)



## **Winter Hill Colony**

We hope everyone had a good Easter holiday.

The first week back Benny had a challenge for the Beavers. They had to make an airplane with a piece of paper. He showed them one design, then after they made that he gave them free rein to see if they could make come up with a better design. Lots of versions were made and put to the test.

Once again, the Beavers attended the annual St George's day event. Lots of activities were put on. Including parachute games and sack races. Over the coming month we have lots planned: with a nature walk and an evening of cooking.

*Tic Tac Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

The Littlewick Green Cubs had an excitable start back after Easter. They were all desperate to get out in the fresh air however the hail put a stop to that.

In replacement our newest cub taught us all a new game called 100 the cubs had so much fun trying to disguise their voices while one had to guess who had called out. A great communication game and also helping newer members to learn names.

The cubs also took time planning for some activities they would like to do for the rest of term so emails could be sent out to arrange. We have our fingers crossed that we hear back soon as they came up with some great ideas.

### **Winter Hill Pack**

At the end of last term we made Welsh Cakes, I am not sure how many got home thought. We have also recently awarded 6 Cubs with their Silver awards. Congratulations *Beatrice, Freya, Rose, Freddie, Ernest* and *Dylan* who will all be moving up to Scouts shortly, 3 to Winter Hill and 3 to Littlewick Troops.

We had great turn out of 15 Cubs at the District St Georges Day celebration and we also carried the Flag the pack won at the Flag Competition in March.



*Baloo Winter Hill* (Erica Hunter)

## **SCOUT NEWS**

**Troop Camp** we have fifty-seven youngsters from both Troops, going away for our weekend camp on 17 May.

Can we remind parents to sign up for the jobs we need help with; we cannot manage to hold a camp this size without parental help.

**We are still looking for help the weekend before camp** to transport the equipment from local farm to Scout Hall, do you have a towing hitch, people carrier or estate car. Also help loading the lorries on Thursday evening 16 May and setting up camp.

**Please sign up.** Any questions, of camp, please email [Simon@pgscouts.org](mailto:Simon@pgscouts.org)

## Littlewick Troop

For the final meeting of last term we had an evening with a collection of activities themed around gender and disability, the idea being that for each challenge the scouts would have an additional hurdle to overcome. We also invested and welcomed Katherine into the troop. We then broke for Easter and the clocks changed, which has meant the summer term has started with us having a decent amount of light during the times of our meetings.

For the first meeting of this term, we did some practice tent pitching on the green. It was quite windy, so everyone in each team had to take a role to get the tents up without issues, which the scouts did capably. It was good practice for if they ever have to do it on a camp in similar conditions. For our most recent meeting, we have learnt about the courts and evidence in preparation for doing a mock trial later in the term. We do not lack volunteers to be the judge!



Outside of our normal meetings, it was good to see our troop so well represented at the St Georges Day Event. Well, done to Max for not dropping a pole on *Theresa May* during one of the games.

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

## Winter Hill Troop

Scouts continued to meet during Easter holidays we had 27 take part in an Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday, it was a challenge as the clocks had not changed and they had to do it on a dark muddy green. There were 40 eggs put out, they found all but 2 eggs. The winners chose their big egg prizes, the small eggs were dived between the rest of the troop.

The following week, the Scouts completed a knotting and lashing challenge putting into practice what they had learnt the previous term. The last Friday in the Easter holidays the Scouts each made an Airfix By-plane or tank, it got a bit messy when they did the painting.



The first meeting of the new term, all the Scouts learnt how to pitch a toilet tent or dining shelter in preparation for camp. Last week they had a communication evening learning how to use two way radios and using the Phonetic Alphabet.

Nineteen members of the Troop took part in the District St Georges day event. The activity they had to complete was to build a stretcher and complete a course carrying a member of the team.

We would like to welcome three Cubs who have moved up to Scouts, and their Families. *Dylan Brookes*, *Freddie Clements* and *Ernest Roberts* have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of the Troop.

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