



GROUP NEWS

November 2024

Last month all members of PG, had the chance to take part in this years International **Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI)**, which we held at the hall.

Coming up this month, all members and families are invited to attend Remembrance Services at our local Churches and will be holding a family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings, on Sunday 15 December at 3.30pm.



Remembrance Sunday

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Services



- **Littlewick** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at **St John the Evangelist**, Littlewick Green
- **Winter Hill** Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts will attend the service at **St James the Less**, Stubbings

We hope that, as many members of PG (*Littlewick & Winter Hill*) and their families will be able to attend one of these services. The service will remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 10th November 2024 – 10.35am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full** Squirrel, Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform and a poppy

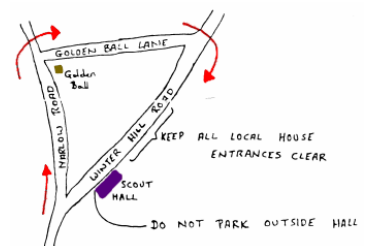
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.

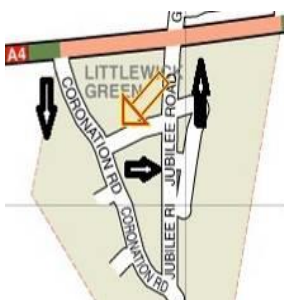
Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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

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.



28th Jamboree on the Internet

Over the weekend 18th - 20th October, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in JOTI.

We had Cubs and Scouts join us from eight other Groups in Maidenhead. Some of the Cubs & Scouts did the *Digital Maker* staged badges or Cub / Scout *Communicator* badges. In total 107 badges were gained.

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups all ages.

Plea for computer bits We are still looking for computers, laptops, (**Including ones with broken screens**) computer monitors, disk drives and network equipment. Some of our equipment is very old so we would really appreciate any help! If you have an old computer or laptop, you no longer use or if you think that you could convince your work to donate some old equipment please contact us. We can guarantee that any information on them will be securely wiped, and we will load a new operating system



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

November 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 3rd November	10:30 God Through Music	4:00pm BCP Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 10th November	10:45am Remembrance Service	8.00am BCP Communion 10:45am Remembrance Service	10:45am Remembrance Service
Week 3 Sunday 17th November	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 24th November	10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Come to the Table (Communion)	



Jumble Sale

The final figure for the Jumble Sale is **£950.**

Thank you goes again goes to everyone who helped.

Clean the Hall - Parents Volunteers

We are short of parent volunteers to clean the hall this term.

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. 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 5.30pm, Thurs before 4.30pm and after 6pm) and Fridays before 5pm.

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.



UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and 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 son's **Chest & waist size**. The shop will be open Saturday 9th November & every Thursday evening.

PG does have some second-hand uniform for sale.

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Every Thursday Evening

7pm – 8.45pm

(Term Time)

&

Second Saturday of Month

10am-11.45am

at

19th Maidenhead Scout Hut Holmanleaze

(SL6 8AW)

Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under four 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

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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/

Ellington Morris

Did you know that Ellington Morris are also based in the Pinkneys Green Scout Hall?

They practice in the Hall every Wednesday at 8:30pm from October - learning dances for May 1st the next year.

It's great fun and a chance to do something different and make new friends. Newcomers are always welcome!!! both as dancers and musicians.

Interested? See website for details www.ellington.org.uk or call Chris Bell 01628 623023



Black Sacks of Rubbish

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have taken home a black sack of rubbish after their child's section meeting. We have to pay to have rubbish collected and this helps us save some money. If you have space in your black Wheelie bin or can go to the tips, and see black sack rubbish, please help us by taking it.

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

It's been another packed month for the Squirrels. Due to the rain the Squirrels had an evening of games during their first meeting of the month. They played various team games in their nests.

We celebrated and learnt about Navaratri; a Hindu festival: Nav means nine and Ratri means nights. In 2024, the festival began on Thursday, 3rd October and ended on Saturday 12th October. People come together during Navratri to celebrate Durga, the mother goddess who carries lots of weapons in her arms.

The following week started our space themed few weeks. We talked about the different constellations and space travel then the Squirrels had a go at making constellations out of spaghetti and marshmallows (although most of them wanted to eat the marshmallows) they did very well. Continuing on our space theme we had an evening of junk modelling. The Squirrels made space ships and rockets and space helmets for the soft toys. Lots of thought was put in to their designs. We then invested our newest Squirrels



The final week before half term the scouts put on their traditional Halloween party. We had apple bobbing, music and eating doughnuts off string. A huge thank you to all the scouts who helped.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

October was a busy month for the Beavers, which included a visit to the Three Discovery Store in Maidenhead to learn about Stop Motion technology and make our own videos.

We were visited by Sadie from Feather and Fur falconry, where we learnt about and handled owls, kestrels and a hawk!



Malak, Littlewick Green (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

The Beavers have had another busy month. The first week, the Beavers finished off their sports badge by playing a game of cricket, building on what they had learnt about the previous week. We managed to finish before we got too wet due to the rain.

For the next couple of weeks the Beavers focused on space. Starting with making flying saucers using paper plates. The second week we talked about the planets' different colours and sizes. The Beavers then made and painted Solar systems.

The last week of the month we went on a night hike around Pinkneys Green. Looking at the stars and even seeing a bat.



Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The Cubs have had another amazing few weeks. Our sixers took part in the district sixer event, and they have done amazing at transferring these skills to help other young people. Well done, *Noah* and *Zach*. And well done to *Ted* and *Leo* for your commitment to your sixes and becoming seconders.

Lots of our Cubs also achieved part of their personal challenge badge when they had the opportunity to handle and learn about a multitude of exotic animals. We look forward to introducing the animals to other sections across PG over the coming terms.

We have handed out so many badges thanks to the Cubs determination and we have invested some amazing young people into Cubs. It is a privilege to see the pack growing so strongly. We have learned some emergency aid skills, we've cooked some delicious treats on our campfire and we've got creative with beautiful decorations for Diwali.



Our young leaders have been an absolute asset to the young people, *Ooni* and myself. Taking on different aspects of the evenings and thinking creatively. Thankyou *Tom*, *Dexter* and *Autumn*.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

Another busy month for the cubs. We had a visit to Hell fire caves at the beginning of the month, the cubs learnt all about the caves and the family that owned them, we finished off with a hot chocolate which of course went down well.

The following week the cubs made towers using mini marshmallows and spaghetti, great fun. We then started to learn about Home safety and fireworks, our 3 new cubs were also invested *Theo*, *Finlay* and *Caleb*.

Finally the cubs each brought in a pumpkin and carved ready for Halloween they were all really good.



Enjoy half term and see you all on 6th November.

Baloo, Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

SCOUT NEWS



Saturday Night of JOTI Scouts from both *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* spent the night on computers.

Special Thank You goes to leaders *Alex Robins* and *Myles Rankin* for making

the event a great success and surviving the Scouts going through the night

Littlewick Troop

Our first in this run of meetings was one based on the Scouts debating rights. Each scout was given a right, need or want but had to argue it was a right. We ended up a lot of rights, including the right to access streaming services! The next meeting we discussed physical activities. The scouts have been set the (self motivated) challenge to improve at a physical activity over the next 6 weeks. We also did some hula hooping.

The next meeting the scouts built model rafts. We regularly build full sized ones in the summer term, but with models, the scouts could experiment with the design and then testing their robustness. The Young Leaders were in charge of piling as much weight on as possible whilst the rafts floated in a baby bath. For our most recent meeting, the scouts rotated around 4 bases to learn or practise their navigation skills. We will be using these skills soon when hiking.



We have also recently invested *Arlo* and *India* into the troop. Also, leaders *Peter* and *Ben* have completed their wood badges (leader training) recently and were awarded these by our GLV *Erica*.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

All the Scouts came up with An Expected Code of Conduct, after a lot of discussion they agreed on a final version.

Winter Hill Scouts young leaders *Oliver Aerts* and *Victor Wilson* did a presentation to the troop on their trip to Malawi as part of the Berkshire Scouts unit. The Scouts found presentation very interesting, we hope some of them will go on future trips.

The Friday of the JOTI weekend the Scouts worked on the Digital Maker staged badges using the computer we have had donated.

The Thursday before half term, the Scouts ran a Scary Party for the Squirrels, The Squirrels & Scouts did apple bobbing, getting donuts of a line, not using their hands and turning a squirrel in to a mummy, using lots of toilet roles.



Friday before half term, the Scouts held a Debate on UNCEF - Children Rights, Wants & Needs. Scouts Learnt and debated their rights.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)