



GROUP NEWS

October 2024



All sections have started their meetings after the summer break, most have moved indoors due the evenings getting darker and the wetter weather.

We held our AGM, plus a Jumble Sale.

Coming up this term the group will be taking part in the International **Jamboree On the Internet (JOTI)**, plus we will be taking part in Remembrance Sunday Services at our local churches, and we will be holding a family Christingle & Carol Service at Stubbings, 3.30pm on Sunday 15 December (Note change of date).



CHRISTMAS TREES 2024

We are taking orders

Order Form on PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead / Littlewick Green / Cookham / Hurley areas

Orders by 5pm **Thursday 31st October**

for delivery on Saturday 7th December 2024



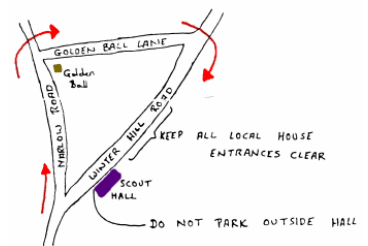
SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.

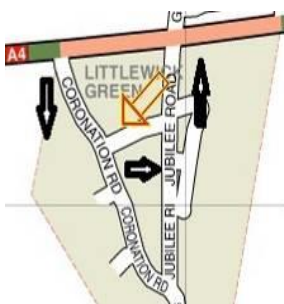
Do Not Park in the driveways of *Flint Lodge, Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



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

27th Jamboree on the Internet - 18th – 20th October



This is the **27th JOTI** since the World Scout Committee's decision that **JOTI** should become an official international Scouting event. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://jotajoti.info> / to find out more. **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.

We use, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange messages with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries take part) we do not manage to make contact with all these countries, but we do normally manage to talk to and contact Scouts from about 21 different countries.

If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

Calling all Beavers, Cubs & Scouts across Pinkneys Green and the District. Join us Saturday 19th October 10am – 6pm and Sunday 20th October 10am - 1pm in the transformed PG Scout Hall for the chance to have some fun and earn a whole range of badges you cannot get elsewhere. Learn how to programme or put your coding skills to the test playing games to earn your Computing Badge, learn about different ways of communicating and talk with Scouts around the world to get your Communicator Badge, and earn parts of your International Badge that are otherwise hard to get!

Plea for computer bits We are running the Jamboree on the Internet and giving scouts the chance to learn or show off their coding skills in October, to do this we need computers, laptops, 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 Simon (Simon@pgscouts.org) and Alex Robins (alex@pgscouts.org). We can guarantee that any information on them will be securely wiped, or if necessary we will accept machines with the drives removed – drop us an email and we can discuss it if you have any question. Thank you for your support!

Jumble Sale

Thank you goes to everyone who helped at our Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st September, with collecting and sorting on the Friday and at the Sale on the Saturday, plus taking the left over Jumble to Charity shops or tip. Also, to all the Scouts who delivered the leaflets.

We took **£873** on the day; this is the interim total before [bags2schools](#) collection for leftovers bags full of clothing, shoes etc. in October.



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

October 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 6 th October	10:30am God Through Music	6:00pm BCP Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Week 2 Sunday 13 th October	10.30am Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion	9:15am Songs of Praise
Week 3 Sunday 20 th October	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion (Harvest)	9.15am Holy Communion
Week 4 Sunday 27 th October	10.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Come to the Table (Communion)	

We need your help to maintain Our PG Scout Hall in Winter Hill Road

Volunteer(s) required to:

- i) Prune the fig tree - the branches are rubbing against the roof tiles which will damage them empty the gutter its approx. 5-6 foot above the ground, stop rainwater running down the walls.
- ii) Repair Sack Barrel (Needs wheel fixing).

Please contact our Group Chair, *Natasha Medhurst* 07970 656017



Ellington Morris

Did you know that Ellington Morris dancers also use the Scout Hall during the winter months as they learn new dances for the following year?

There are FREE introductory evenings each Wednesday at 8:30pm starting from October 16th.

Why not come along and join us?

It is fun to learn and no experience is necessary - sticks and hankies are provided!

Both dancers and musicians are welcome.

For further details contact Chris Bell on 01628 623023 or www.ellington.org.uk |

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 12th October & every Thursday evening except for half term 31st October.

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)



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.

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 7,500 brands 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, Morrisons 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.

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/

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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.

Below Available for a Donation to PG Scouts

There are 6 chairs, 2 carvers and 4 ordinary. The table could be rubbed down and painted or re stained. The top can also come of the dresser.

Available for a donation, to PG Scouts contact: **07765 972911** or **07833 605146**.



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

SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

It's great to see all the Littlewick Green Squirrels after the Summer break and we have been able to do lots of fun activities outdoors whilst the weather had been sunny.

We have welcomed new Squirrels into our Drey and have been working towards our all about me and all together badges. The Squirrels have been learning and teaching each other new skills and have even learnt how to wiggle their ears!



We also enjoyed attending the Teddy's Bears Picnic at Marion's Meadow. We enjoyed many fun activities during the day including throwing wellies to Peru, completing & creating an obstacle course, going on a bear hunt and even managed a snowball fight in the wonderful September sunshine!

Red, Littlewick Green (Vikki Emmitt)

Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone had a good summer break. We welcomed the Squirrels back with a night of games and reiterated the golden rules and our routine. We also met the new Squirrels. We played a few getting to know you games.

Some of the Squirrels enjoyed the district teddy bears picnic. They had a morning of fun activities including going on a bear hunt and obstacle course all finished off with a picnic lunch.



The following week we had the Scouts help with tent pitching and the Squirrels enjoyed knocking in the pegs. The Squirrels then had their story in the tent. Thank you to the scouts for helping.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

It's been a busy return to Monday nights for the Beavers, starting the term with a Log Chew to plan out some ideas for this year, we also supported World First Aid day and learnt how to contact different Emergency Services teams and created a sling using our scarves.

Most recently, the Beavers have made commitments on personal development as part of our *YouShape* badge attempts and of course played lots of games, with dodgeball becoming the favourite game of the term so far!

Malak, Littlewick Green (Phil Franzen)



Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone had a great summer break. We welcomed the Beavers back with a games and getting to know you night. The following week we met the new Beavers and focused on sports.



The Beavers learnt the rules of rugby and how to pass the ball, and the basics of cricket. Finally the Beavers went to Taplow Lake and went kayaking. They had a great time paddling on the lake - it was good to take advantage of the last of the lighter evenings.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Wednesday 30th October (During Half Term), *Scary Party* for **both Packs** at Scout Hall, run by the Scouts.

Littlewick Pack

It has been a very productive first couple of weeks back at Littlewick Cubs. We started off with a pack forum, to ensure the Cubs get to shape their programme (#youshape). Where we heard lots of amazing ideas for the upcoming term. Including Pioneering, with its focus on knots, which we covered on our second week.



All the Cubs learned a variety of knots, made their own rope and had a go at being a human knot too, demonstrating great team work. We aim to learn life skills through hands on

fun, with every element of our meetings ticking off badge criteria. We've even had two Cubs showcase their amazing collections and earn their collectors badges. Fantastic efforts from the Littlewick Cubs and leadership team.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

Winter Hill Pack

Is it only 2 weeks we have been back! We welcomed 2 Beavers to the Pack, *Finlay* and *Caleb* and *Theo* who is new to the group.

We had 9 Cubs with *Rusty* attend the Maidenhead water side event on Sat 14th. They paddled from behind 19th Maidenhead along the steam into the town near Coppa Club and back. All had a great time.

Wed 16th was the athletics badge (normally do it at camp bit too much rain), they did a long run which was timed, followed by a shuttle run, throwing a cricket ball and the Sergeants jump in the hall when it got dark.



Some other exciting news, *Matt Bolton* has joined us and is *Akela* in training. Some of you will know him as *Bushey* a Squirrel leader. He will be a leader with both sections. It's very good news for the pack. Cubs have a fabulous team but some legs are not as young as they were for some of our activities.

Baloo, Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)

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SCOUT NEWS

JOTI Weekend 19th – 20th October

We are also offering LG & WH Scouts the opportunity to stay overnight on Saturday 19th - spend the night playing games in the Scout Hall. Bring your consoles, laptops or computers, we can provide the TVs, if we get enough people, we'll set up some games for everyone to play together or come along and play your own games with no parents interrupting!



For anyone who would like to come but doesn't have a computer they can bring with them, we have some machines that people can use – just speak with Simon. All Scouts will be receiving details about the event.



District Night Hike

The District are holding the annual Night Hike on **Friday 15th November 7.30pm** until **approx. 1am** on Saturday 16th November. Normally there are over 150 Scouts & parents taking part from all the Troops in the District.

We are looking for help from parents to walk with each team we normally have two parents walk with each team of six - seven Scouts. The hike is in the local area, with Scouts walking around a circular course and completing activities at 8 bases that take 15-20min per base. We are also looking for another adult to help on the PG Base.

2025 Troop Camp – next years weekend camp – Friday 16th May to Sunday 18th May 2025

Littlewick Troop

We restarted after a summer break at the beginning of September. Our welcome back meeting was an evening firelighting and cooking (or in some cases burning) marshmallows in the woods, where there was just enough light. The week after we then delivered leaflets for the Jumble Sale in small groups.

After this, we have been indoors for meetings. For one meeting, the scouts learnt about the Countryside Code. First they proposed their own version before being quizzed on the official one. For our most recent meeting the scouts learnt a new knot (after being graded on their knot tying confidence) and then had to teach other scout the knot they had learnt.



We have had quite a few new starters recently, who will hopefully be invested into the troop over the next month. We have also gained the assistance of Young Leader *Fabien* and adult Leader *Alan Lewis*, which is a great boon.

Scout Leader Littlewick (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

The Scouts have done some coppicing for the National Trust, cutting the growth around the trees along Furze Platt road and clearing the ditches, the following week due to heavy rain we had an evening where the Scouts had to complete Scouting Challenges' and we presented 177 badges which the Scouts had gained during the past couple months.



With some of the Squirrels dads who were ex PG Scouts, the Scouts pitch a patrol tent with the squirrels, helping to knock the pegs in, before *Tic Tac*, read them a story in the tent.

The next Friday Scouts delivered Jumble Sale flyers to houses in the local roads and the following week due to not being able to use the Scout Hall we held a wide game at Cookham Dean followed by the Scouts enjoying some chips.

We would like to welcome *Tommy Roberts* and his Family to PG, he has made his Scout promises and been invested a members of the Troop.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Pinkneys Green Scout Group

Reg. Charity 300501

Christmas Trees 2024

Dear Customer,

We know it seems early but we are delighted to announce that once again we are offering Christmas Trees to be delivered to your door. As you may be aware, this service is run by volunteers, with all profits going directly to the Scout Group so we really appreciate your support! As in previous years we deliver in the Maidenhead / Cookham / Hurley / Littlewick Green areas.

Deliveries will be made on **Saturday 7th December**.

We also offer a recycling service where, for a small charge (£5) we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. (If you did not buy your tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £10)

Twelfth Night is Sunday 5th January so we will be running our Recycling collection on **Saturday 11th January**.

We ask that you please place your order either by completing the online form [here](#) or by completing the attached form and returning it to the address on the form.

It may seem early but **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5pm on Thursday 31st October**.

Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Pinkneys Green Scout Group to The Querns, 130 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead, SL6 5DN) or by BACS to: Sort code 30-95-36, Account number 59993668. Please use "Tree" followed by your postcode as the reference.

We look forward to receiving your order and may we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Peta & Charlie Almond
PG Scout Group
01628 784545
Trees@PGScouts.org.uk

As part of our GDPR compliance, please do let us know if you'd like to be removed from our database & therefore not receive emails from us in future.

Online order Form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/PinkneysGreenScoutGroup/PGScoutsChristmasTreeOrderForm2024>



ORDER FORM 2024

Please complete in block capitals, and return with payment (cheque to Pinkneys Green Scout Group) to The Querns, 130 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead SL6 5DN if not using the online order form. **By 31st October please.**

PLEASE NOTE SIZE IS A RANGE ONLY – TREE MIGHT BE AT EITHER END OF THIS RANGE

NORWAY SPRUCE

Traditional scented tree, dark green prickly dropping needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£37		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£42		
2.4- 2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£74		

NORDMAN FIR

Non-drop, soft dark green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£33		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£46		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£60		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£90		
2.4 – 2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£124		

FRASER FIR

Slim based, scented tree with non-drop blue-green needles

Size	Cost	Quantity	Total
1.2-1.5m (approx. 4ft)	£34		
1.5-1.8m (approx. 5ft)	£47		
1.8-2.1m (approx. 6ft)	£62		
2.1-2.4m (approx. 7ft)	£91		
2.4-2.7m (approx. 8ft)	£125		

RECYCLING

	Cost	Quantity	Total
PG Tree	£5		
Non PG Tree	£10		

TOTAL PAYMENT

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