



GROUP NEWS

September 2024

Sections are starting back after the Summer break.

We have our AGM on Sunday 8th September on the green opposite the Scout hall. Bring your own picnic, start 2.30pm. AGM 3pm, followed by presentations.

We also have our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st September.



Pinkneys Green Scouts

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 21st Sept

10.00 am

JUST ONE Autumn SALE

Admission £1

**Scout Hall
Winter Hill Road
Pinkneys Green
SL6 6NS**

Registered Charity No; 300501



PG Family Picnic & AGM

Our AGM this year is on Sunday 8th September at 3pm on the green opposite the Scout Hall.

Bring your own picnic, start 2.30pm. AGM 3pm, followed by presentations.

If the weather is poor we will move into the hall.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 21st September

We need some helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall.

We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 20th September **6pm**, require a car or van or tow a trailer. Helpers to sort jumble, from **6.30pm** on Friday 20th September.

We also require help on the morning of Saturday 21st September **9.30am-12noon**, selling the Jumble. **12noon** bagging the Jumble and clearing up. **12noon** to take the remainder of the Jumble to the Tip or local charity shop !

If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, it would be great. Please sign up - <https://volunteersignup.org/XHA9Y>



Jumble - Donations

We are looking for donations. Due to us having **NO SPACE** to store Jumble, you can drop off donations to the Scout Hall, between **Friday 13th Sept – Friday 20th Sept.**

Please do not drop any Jumble off BEFORE Friday 13th September 2024

Clean the Hall - Parents Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to clean the hall next term, from 4 September

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.



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

September 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 1 st September	10.30 am God through Music	6.00 pm Evensong (BCP)	9.15 am Holy Communion
Week 2 Sunday 8 th September	10.30 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.15 am Songs of Praise and Sunday Club
Week 3 Sunday 15 th September	10.30 am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion	4.00 pm Harvest Supper
Week 4 Sunday 22 nd September	10.30 am Holy Communion	9.00 am Come to the Table	
Week 5 Sunday 29 th September			10.00 am Parish Service



Berkshire Scouts Project Africa

Winter Hill Scouts Young Leaders *Victor Wilson* and *Oliver Aerts*, and sectional assistant *Kieran Patel* took part in *Berkshire Scouts Project Africa* trip to Malawi .

For more information and photos of the event please check the county web site:

<https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/project-africa-2024/>

Follows is a report by Oliver:

My time in scouting has provided me with many opportunities over the years and Project Africa was perhaps the best I will experience until the next iteration.

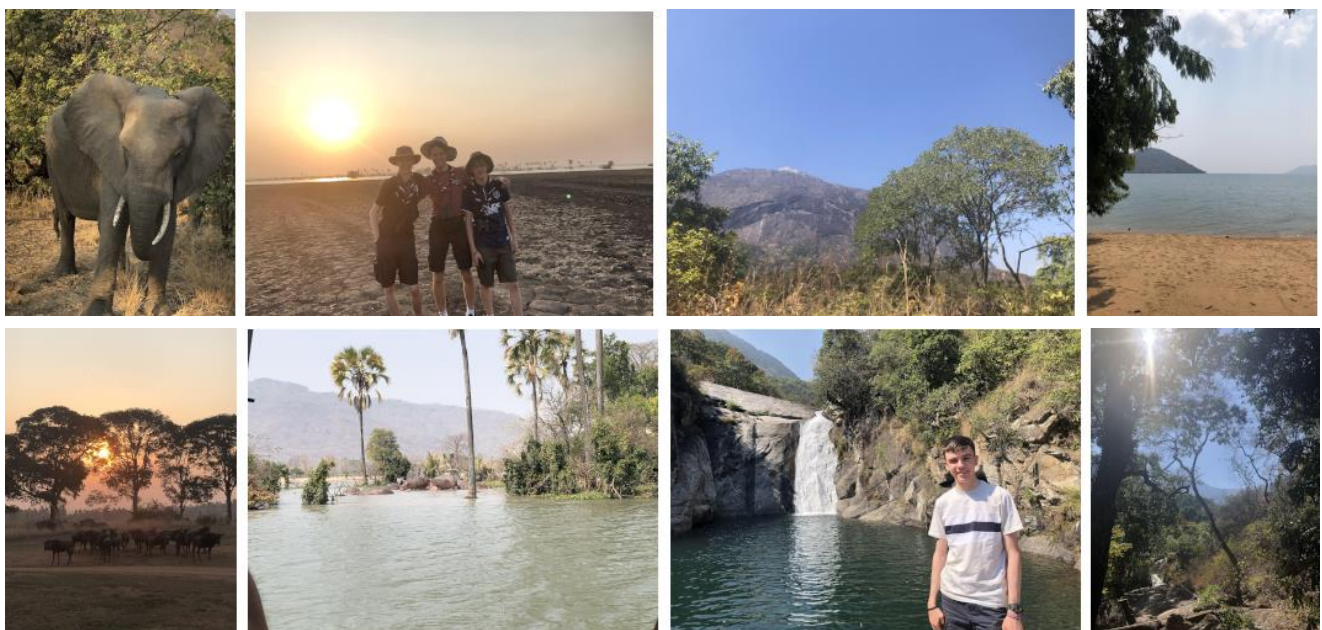
Project Africa, as many of the scouts will know, was a trip to Malawi in order to build a school in a village. However it became so much more than that to me and all of the other participants. Over the course of my time there I made new friends, unforgettable memories and gained experience in many things. We did not spend all of our time on the site. We had a variety of activities to both engage the scouts and broaden our horizons. We went on a safari, visited a tree project, visited a beautiful waterfall on a mountain and went to the gigantic lake which makes up half the country. Each activity was absolutely unforgettable and I would not choose to change a single one.

Time on site, unlike what it may seem to many of you, was one of the best parts of the entire trip. Whether it was the visits from the Malawian scouts and making friends with them or the days doing manual labour such as throwing bricks and mixing cement. There was never a dull moment and the entire experience has broadened my outlook on the world.

In order to keep this brief I will leave both the parents and scouts with something to take away from this short summary.

If you get the chance to participate in a scouting event, I cannot stress enough how good of an experience they all are. I have had the privilege of participating in these events for 3 consecutive years: the Alps in France 2022, Explorer belt in Ireland 2023 and finally Project Africa in Malawi 2024. Every year at least one event is organised by Explorer and scout groups across Berkshire. While the fundraising may seem intimidating just remember that the experiences you stand to gain will be worth far more than whatever you spend.

Thank you for reading my section and I leave you with some pictures from my amazing trip to Malawi



By *Oliver Aerts*

SQUIRREL NEWS

Littlewick Drey

We hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday 9th September.

We are asking 1 parent to help each week next term. Our program is on OSM so you can choose your week.

Baloo (Erica Hunter)



Winter Hill Drey

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer break, we look forward to welcoming you back on 12th September with another term of fun filled activities. Some of the evenings to look forward to, will include getting outside whilst the evenings are still light.

We are also looking forward to our District Squirrels event on 14th September. This year it is Teddy Bears' picnic themed. We will no doubt get into the woods as well.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

BEAVER NEWS



Littlewick Colony

Our final meeting of last term saw Rainbow (*Sarah*) leave the colony but not before we got a chance to thank her for all her hard work.

We also celebrated *Alice's* hard work as she successfully completed her Bronze Award!

We're looking forward to welcoming back all our Beavers after a busy summer on 9th September, starting with a *Log Chew* and games outside (weather permitting)!

Malak, Littlewick Green (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

We hope you are having a great summer break. We can't wait to welcome you back on the 9th September and welcome our new Beavers on the 16th September. We look forward to hearing all about what you got up to over the summer.

We have an exciting programme ready for the Beavers to enjoy. Until the evenings get dark we hope to be outside as much as possible; going on hikes and exploring.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Some exciting news for Cubs, we have a new leader joining in September *Sam Lewis* (Kaa), her son *Noah* will also be joining the pack.

We also have several new cubs joining in September which is really good news. We do still have space for more.

Baloo, Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)



Winter Hill Pack

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday, we are looking forward to seeing you and hearing about what you have been doing.

Our first week back is Wednesday 11th September.

Baloo, Winter Hill (Erica Hunter)



Cub Camp report

Cub camp this year was fantastic. It might have been a little bit wet but I enjoyed it.

I learned new things there like making bridges and baking twisters. The woods behind our tents were massive and eerie and perfect for running around in. We played games there like giant Cluedo, Twister and Uno flip and we went on the climbing wall. The meals were nice especially the paella and dessert was lovely. Our tents were a bit crowded but eventually we got some sleep.

We had some free time to play in the woods which was fun. And I have to give thanks to all the leaders who helped us at cub camp. And that was my report on cub camp.

By Jack Harris

Report on Cub Camp



Despite the fact that it was truly bucketing down, I was extremely excited about cub camp.

When I arrived, rain pattered and splashed upon us, as myself and a select few took to washing tables, whilst in the meantime others put up the tents that we would be sleeping in, which showed awesome teamwork.

Later we played games, wrote poems and had hot chocolate and cake.

My personal favourite game was the "Chair Game" as it had lots of twists and turns.

In the darkness of night, the moon shone through the green canvas walls of the tent, making an eerie glow that made it very hard for us to sleep.

On the second day {and in my case, final day of camp} we played a game with dice, fun but immensely tricky.

Also on the second day, I created some beautiful poems with my friends.

By Simran Griffiths

SCOUT NEWS

Winter Hill Troop

August Summer Holidays - we continued to run meetings during the summer holidays, we have had a good attendance with 13-18 attending each meeting. Activities included wide games, some challenge events, fire lighting, cooking, building bivouacs, as well as drinking hot chocolate at the end of the evenings.



Scout Leader Winter Hill (Simon Wheeler)

SUMMER CAMP

This year's camp was held near *Britwell Salome*, over thirty-six Scouts, and seventeen leaders attended the camp for thirteen days. For seventeen of the Scouts, it was their first Summer Camp.

This year All the Scouts did very well work together in their Patrols, learning cooking skills, including cooking their meals on wood fires, and camping skills. Activities the Scouts did, included the older Scouts did their two-day expedition award. All the Scouts took part in archery, rafting, sleeping in hammocks & bivis, shooting, campfire, hiking as well as normal camp activities, training and games.

Photos of this year's camp <http://pgscouts.photos/index.php?category/212>



The PLs and YLs organised volleyball, swing ball where up to seven scouts playing at a time, a card school where they taught the younger Scouts new card games, and rounders.



All the Scouts in their Patrols cooked their breakfast and evening meals on wood fires.

This year we held five competitions: Inter Patrol Volley Ball competition which was won *by Falcons*; Spare Time Challenge Competition, this was run by YL *Fabien Mormech* who motivated the Scouts to do as many activities as possible, they had 70 different challenges to choose from, where they could gain various points depending on how they completed the activities. Some challenges took a few minutes others could take over half an hour. Congratulations go to *Anna Mallett*, on winning this competition.



Cooking Competition, where the Patrols had £27 to go shopping, buy the food and produce a three course meal for their patrol. This was won by *Falcons*. The Inter Patrol Competition was won by *Panthers*. PL *Austin Wilson* Well done to everyone for taking part. The Camp Competition was won by *Eagles* PL *Jude Sanders*, runners up by one point was *Swifts* PL *Barney Harris*.



The photo is of the Scouts and leaders who were camping on the first Tuesday of the camp. A few Scouts joined us later due to family holidays and school activities, the arrived latter on camp.



Thank you goes to parents who helped with preparations for the camp and afterwards, dads *John Wilson* for driving minibus and *Ian Miller* the lorry to / from Camp. *Duncan Cribb* (Scouter @ 9th Maidenhead) for doing Shooting; *Matthew Milston* for doing the archery; *Rob Ayre* for doing the rafting. *Tom Benyon* & *Rob Harris*, for judging the cooking competition. Plus, leaders *Paul Conacher*, *Ollie Hodges*, *Matthew Milston*, *Myles Rankin*, *Mark Courtier*, *Peter Marshall*, *Alex Robins*, *Frank Williams* and *Mateo Woodhead- Pavón*, for all their help at camp, and taking time off work.

A special thank you goes to *BoB Weingarh*, *John Bannerman* and *James Pagliero* for camping for the whole camp.

Also, I would like to Thank all the Scouts, PLs and Young leaders for all their hard work and support.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

2025 Summer Camp – preparations for next years summer camp are already underway. Provisional dates will be between **Saturday 19th July 2025 – Saturday 2nd August 2025**. (We are waiting for two RBWM senior schools to confirm when they break up, most junior schools break up on 24th July). The older / younger Scouts might leave a later date, depends on when the schools take their insect days.