



## GROUP NEWS

April 2025

Now the clocks have changed the sections will be doing some activities outside.

We are still looking for help with organising the Raffle at our Summer Fair; we are looking for a volunteer to help with this and the Silent Auction.

**Summer Fair on Sunday 22nd June**



## District St Georges Day Event



All PG members (Littlewick and Winter Hill) Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & leaders, will be receiving details about this years District St Georges afternoon event, via their sections.

**SATURDAY 26th April 2025, 2pm - 4.15pm.**

Meet us at Oldfield School (Bray Road SL6 1UE) by 1.55pm.

**To avoid creating a traffic jam** by cars crossing the road in front of the school can all parents and leaders approach Oldfield School **from the Bray direction**, not Maidenhead.

**All members to wear full uniform** plus bring a small bag containing a drink and waterproof coat.

We really encourage every Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event, as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us of what being part of the scouting movement is all about, plus take part in an hour of fun packed activities. We will be joining members from the other eleven Scout groups in Maidenhead. Parents are welcome to come along as well.

The collection this year is going to support NYAS [www.nyas.net/](http://www.nyas.net/).

## Our Summer Fair

Our Scout Summer Fair is on **Sunday 22nd June**.

We require:

- Wellie Boots a mix of sizes for a new game at the fair.
- Crockery for the Crockery smash game
- Tombola prizes
- Silent Auction items



We are also looking for a few people to help organise our Raffle. It is something that if we have the right help could make far more money.

- Be the promote for the Raffle tickets
- Help Acquire Prizes
- Organise raffle ticket distribution for pre fair sales with our 8 sections

If you can help Contact our GLV Erica **Email** [erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:erica.hunter2@btinternet.com)

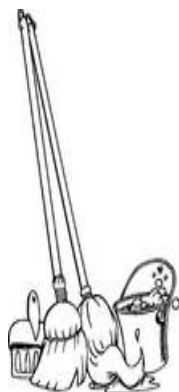
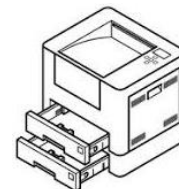
## Gardeners

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.

## Laser Printer

We are looking to replace our colour Laser Printer, which we are struggling to get to print.

If your company is upgrading theirs or you know where we can get one for a reasonable price, then please let Simon know [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)



## Parents – Volunteers to Clean the Hall Two Slots to Fill

We are looking to fill two slots on this terms cleaning rota. Week starting **24 June** and **1 July**

To clean the hall, toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes, time to suit you, please complete our online form <https://volunteersignup.org/9WYRT>

Anytime between **Tuesday morning** (Weds only before 5.30pm, Thursdays before 5pm after 6pm) and **Fridays before 5pm**.

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk) or talk to a parent who has already done it.

**Thank you goes to all the parents who have already signed up..**



## BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA – APRIL 2025

	<u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u>	<u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u>
<b>Week 1</b> Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	God through music 10.30 am	Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion & Sunday Club 9.15 am
<b>Week 2</b> Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	Communion 10.30	BCP Communion 8am	Songs of Praise 10 am
<b>Week 3</b> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday			Communion & Vigil until 10pm 7.30 pm
<b>Week 3</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	Good Friday Reflections 10.30 am	An hour at the cross 2pm	
<b>Week 3</b> Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Saturday	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8.00 pm		
<b>Week 3</b> Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday	Easter Communion 10.30	Dawn Service 6.30am BCP Communion 11.00 am	Easter Communion 9.15 am
<b>Week 4</b> Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion 10.30 am	BCP Communion 8am	

## 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

## PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

We need your support; it is quite simple to access our online web shop,

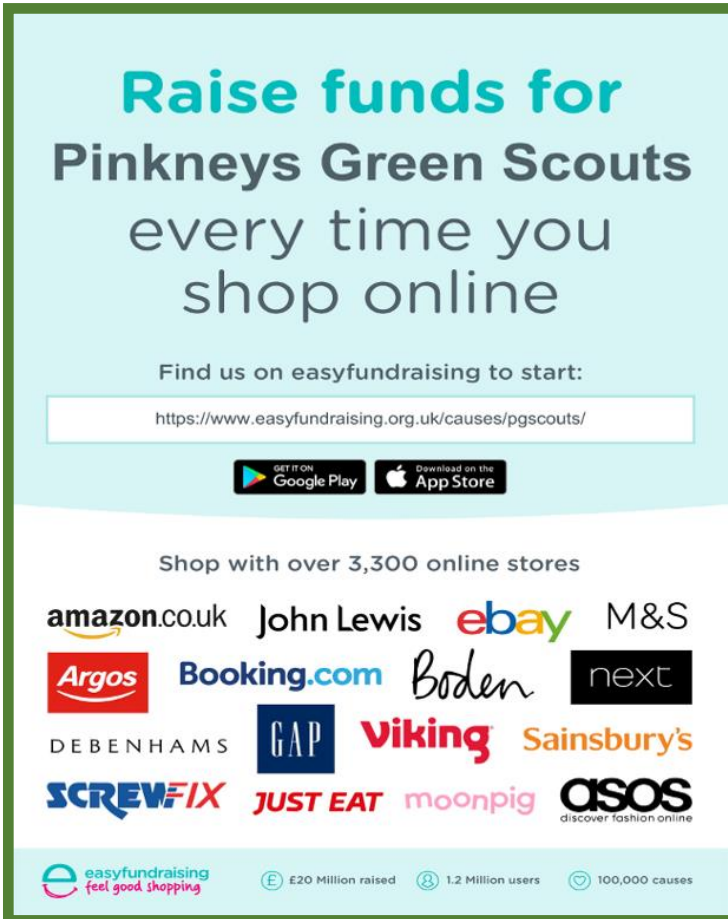
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We really need all the help we can get at the moment and any funds we raise will make a big difference to us.

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/)



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## Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Squirrel, Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm at some meetings during the summer months. (Something to look forward to).

They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform. If you need a new PG T shirt (£10 each), these are available from **Raksha** (Mrs. Sheila Stinton), Tel: 01628 628160 76, Pinkneys Road SL6 5DN



## 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.

## 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

## Maidenhead Scout Shop

### **Open term time**

Every Thursday Evening

**7pm – 8.45pm**

at

19th Maidenhead Hut Holmanleaze

[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/](https://www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/)



## SQUIRREL NEWS

### Littlewick Drey

Busy month at LW Squirrels where we've welcomed a few new faces and all been working towards some exciting badges! We completed our Exciting Experiments badge by exploring lots about our senses (including tasting yummy food!), we learnt about the different phases of the moon with the help of some Oreo biscuits, coloured face masks of the planets and made invites for our fun end of term party! With Mother's Day we also did some craft.



Enjoy the Easter break, Squirrels and we'll see you after the holidays!

**Tufty Littlewick** (Hannah Smith)

### Winter Hill Drey

At the start of the month, the Squirrels celebrated Founder's day. They talked about who founded scouts, then the Squirrels learnt a new skill by making a pillow for their teddy. They drew on a picture of a traditional scouting skill/ activity then used a basic running stitch.



The following week, the Squirrels enjoyed making pancakes. They took it in turns to cook then they played some games.

The last week of the month, the Squirrels enjoyed creating their own stories. They all chose their favourite book characters and created new stories with them.

**Tic Tac, Winter Hill** (Tom Beynon)

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

It's been an exciting few weeks at Beavers, with the Maidenhead Astronomy Society visiting Littlewick Green and teaching us about the moon and planets. We also went on a wonderful trip to Maidenhead Heritage Centre to learn all about our local history.



We joined over 100 local Beavers at the Maidenhead Beaveree and finally congratulated Ash on earning his Bronze award before he swam up to Cubs!

**Malak, Littlewick** (Phil Franzen)



## Winter Hill Colony

The first week of the month, the Beavers worked on the skills challenge. Lighting a candle, tying shoe laces, tying a tie and doing a reef knot. Then we invested the new Beavers.

The Beavers enjoyed taking it in turns to make pancakes and play some games.

The final week, the Beavers were set a challenge to build the tallest tower out of new paper and Sellotape.

They worked together well in teams, and we got some really tall towers. The Beavers made Valentine's cards for someone they care for or love. We spoke about different kinds of love and that it doesn't have to be romantic love.



*Tic Tac, Winter Hill* (Tom Beynon)

## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack

Another exciting few weeks for the Littlewick Cubs. We started off this half term celebrating Founders Day with a variety of games and traditional Cub Scout skills whilst learning about Baden-Powell. The following week all Cubs in attendance earned their athletics badges with our pancake day themed evening. We then celebrated science week, one of my personal favourites. The Cubs worked their way around six stations completing all the experiments and grasping a great understanding of this year's theme of "Change and Adapt". So, for the second week running they earned a badge on the evening. We were then incredibly lucky to have one of the LG Scout Leaders, Alan, deliver a wonderful session on military awareness. The Cubs were able to learn about, see and try on a variety of military kit, then followed by trying a variety of ration packs. The latter of which received mixed responses, with many of the young people stepping outside their comfort zones and asking some very thought-provoking questions.



We also had the pleasure of investing six new Cubs. Congratulations to Eva, Tommy, Ruby, William, Charlie and Jack. We look forward to a few more investments over the coming weeks and a few exciting events as well!

*Kaa, Littlewick Green* (Sam Lewis)

### Winter Hill Pack

WH Cubs enjoyed preparations for the Flag Competition practicing Compass points, Map reading and road signs. 6 Cubs also represented us in the competition at Boyn Hill Altwood Scout hut where we placed 7th. The Cubs worked really hard and enjoyed themselves. Well done to those involved. On rotation the Cubs have also been enjoying Duplo memory activities, where the group would take it in turns to view a model, then look to replicate it themselves within the group. Then Codes, where Cubs had to use a code breaker to discover the hidden words and write coded phrases to each other. Finally they had to build a race track for a remote control car, then time trials in turns to see who was fastest. Finally William was awarded his Silver award for all his hard work and efforts. Well done William. .



*Akela, Winter Hill* (Matt Bolton)



## SCOUT NEWS

### PLs & APLs Training Weekend

The PLs and APLs from both *Littlewick* and *Winter Hill* Scouts attended at weekend at the Scout hall.

They had team building exercises to complete as well as planning the joint camps we are holding later this year. Scouts from both Troops will be attending these camps in mixed patrols made up from PLs, Apls and Scouts from both Troops. They spent a couple hours in the evening playing cards, which they do a lot of at Summer camp, before watching a film and going to sleep. They also cooked all the meals.



### Littlewick Troop

For one meeting the scouts split into small groups and we did 6 bases split into two rounds on different common injuries and what the correct first aid response should be. These were how to approach an incident, cuts, burns, unconsciousness, choking and asthma.

The following week was the meeting closest to Shrove Tuesday so we made pancakes. Gas burners or electric hobs were set up around the hall and by the end of the meeting there was quite the production line of pancakes going.



The final meeting in this period was split in two. For one half the scouts prepared a hike route and the other half they did an activity to educate them about the affects and harms of drugs and alcohol. At this meeting we also presented *Daisy* with her Chief Scout's Gold Award. Well done *Daisy*.

Outside of normal meetings, some of the scouts spent a Sunday morning helping alongside the work party at Woolley Firs nature reserve. They were doing some hedge laying and the scouts could

learn about this and help remove much of the excess growth which was then burnt. Thanks to BBOWT for having us along.

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

### Winter Hill Troop

We started last month by with the Scouts in patrols building a structure (bridge) to get a member of their patrol from one side of the Scout Hall to the other using wooden staves. The Friday after shove Tuesday the Scouts had a pancake evening and managed to cook some very good pancakes. The following week, the Scouts did basic first aid were taught bandaging as well as the recovery position and resuscitation, using a *Resusci Annie*, CPR doll.



Last week each Scout had to make a cotton reel vehicles, working out what the best bits were to use and see who could make the vehicle to travel the longest distance.

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