



GROUP NEWS

August 2025



September, we have our AGM & Picnic in afternoon, on Sunday 14th September, on green opposite Scout Hall.

We also have our annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 20 September.

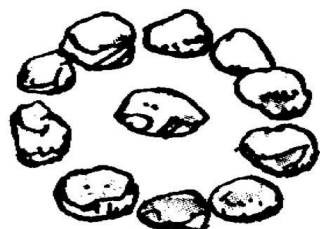
Forty-two Scouts, are currently away for a couple of weeks at their summer camp.

Fastnet Race 2025

Peter Marshall a leader with Littlewick Scouts has just completed the Fastnet race on board the Tall Ships youth Trust, Challenger 3, a 22-meter (72-foot) steel-hulled yacht designed for sail training and racing.

The crew is aged 18 to 24, and it took them 5 days to cover the 690nm. Starting at Cowes and finishing in Cherbourg. This year was 100th anniversary of the race. Peter first started sailing with TSYT as a teenager on the Tall Ship Stavros S Niarchos a Square Rig Brig, then moving onto the challenger yachts. this is a fabulous achievement, well done Peter.

Photo is of challenger 3 during the race.



Robin Wolfe - Obituary

Sadly, we have heard the news of the passing of Robin Wolfe following a short illness. Roughly 26 years ago a dad, came to preseason training, in those days we had a cub football league during the winter months, he stayed to help, I was pleased as we were running two teams at the time, after a while Robin said "I'd be glad to help" much to my delight.

After his son Graham moved up to scouts, I thought he may decide to call it a day, Luckily for PG he remained with us for many years generously giving up his time to give the Cubs some excellent coaching and support, we swapped roles from time to time looking after A & B teams, together we had many successes in both the league and cup finals.

Robin had a great attitude with the cubs, always very patient and gave advice which they listened to and took on board. I think he enjoyed his time with PG, I know I thoroughly enjoyed his company, he will be sadly missed.

Once again Robin I say, Thank you.

Written by **Tarka** (Barry Palmer)

Laptop Chargers

We have been donated 30+ laptops, thank you goes to the parents who arranged the donations

We are looking power supplies. Ideally, we need 20-30x 45W or 65W USB C chargers. Either wall chargers with separate cables or specific USB C laptop chargers would be absolutely fine.

If you have one you no longer require or are able to purchase any for us, they cost between £15/20 each to buy proper ones.

Any offers please email: simon@pgtips.org.uk



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA – AUGUST 2025

	<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 3 RD August		Parish Communion 10 am	
Week 2 Sunday 10 th August		BCP Communion 8 am	Summer Morning Prayer 10 am Lynch Gate Blessing
Week 3 Sunday 17 th August	Riverside Communion 10 am		
Week 4 Sunday 24 th August		Parish Communion 10 am	
Week 5 Sunday 31 st August	Parish Communion 10 am		

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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/

Clean the Hall - Parents Volunteers

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

Between **26th – 29th August 2025**

30th Sept – 3rd Oct 2025

and weeks from **21st October 2025**

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.

A big thank you goes to all the parents who helped us so far this year, it was a great help.

SOLTAU CENTRE

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The Soltau Centre is available for hire at reasonable rates

Our versatile space can be used for exercise classes, meetings and social meet ups

There are new toilets and excellent kitchen facilities

The Centre can offer broadband for hybrid or online meetings

Please contact Claire at the office on 01628 820077 for further information

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. 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

SQUIRREL NEWS

Winter Hill Drey

It's been another busy month. The Squirrels had a session on drowning prevention at The Odney Club led by an instructor. One evening the Squirrels helped their local community by doing a litter pick. This is part of their community project. Afterwards they enjoyed a play in the park and an ice lolly.

The Squirrels enjoyed an evening out on the Green designing an assault course. They made tunnels, jumped through hoops and even had a tug of war. They worked really well in teams designing and testing out their courses.



The last evening of the term the Squirrels enjoyed their chip shop hike. Walking from Cookham to Bourne End, enjoying some chips then getting the train back. Luckily the rain stopped just in time.

We would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break and can't wait to see you in September.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

Littlewick Drey

A busy few weeks at Squirrels - we've been trying to enjoy the great outdoors but, in some scenarios, have avoided the heat indoors!

The Squirrels enjoyed making dry ingredient mug cakes for Father's Day, baked banana and chocolate in the campfire, and making their own 'armpit fudge'! We also planted on tomato plants and everyone hopes they'll have some tomatoes to enjoy over the summer!

The district also ran 'Gruffalo Day' which a few Squirrels attended and lots of fun had by all! We also invested George - welcome to the Drey, George!

Tuffy Littlewick (Hannah Smith)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

It's been a busy last few weeks' at Beavers, completing our first ever Mini Mudder event where we constructed a



tricky obstacle course (and navigated 30 degree heat) and we also learnt about fire safety before toasting S'mores on our firepit.

This week we met up with some fellow Beavers and Rainbows to undertake a rugby training session with Maidenhead United Rugby Club - including our old friend Rainbow - the Beavers all did brilliantly and hopefully some future Lions stars in our midst.

Next week we'll round off the term in style with a Kayaking trip to Taplow Lake before heading off for the summer, thank you to the Beavers, Parents and Young Leaders for all their help this year!

Malak, Littlewick (Phil Franzen)

Winter Hill Colony

Another busy month has passed for the Beavers.

The Beavers enjoyed cooking some sausages on fires in the woods along with toasting marshmallows.

The following week the Beavers did some pioneering in the Green. They learnt to tie some basic knots so that they could make a simple structure out of wood. They then had some races.

The final week of the term, the Beavers got into the woods. They worked in teams to build some dens. They collected sticks and leaves to create their dens.

We hope everyone has a great summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Tic Tac, Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Littlewick Green Cubs have had another amazing few weeks, learning some amazing skills and earning some amazing badges. A massive thank you to all the Scouts who made a wonderful joint evening for them during half term. They then added to their hike's badges, whilst seeing the difference seasonal changes make to the countryside we live in.

Many of the Cubs took to the water for the first time, with paddleboarding. Lots of young people stepped outside their comfort zones and even more had as much fun in the water as on it. We then had a wonderful time, again on the water, with Cubs in canoes. They showed wonderful teamwork and impressive skills including some games on Maidenhead's water ways. They then learnt about a range of reptile species, with a focus on geckos and their different habitats/adaptations plus an opportunity to play with some ferret kits.



It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces supporting the Summer Fayre and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and weather. The Cubs then not only did Littlewick Green, Pinkneys Green, Cubs and Scouting proud, but most importantly themselves proud with their positive behaviour and attitude at our Sports evening. We had a go at a variety of games such as basketball, cricket and table tennis, where most importantly they showed fantastic teamwork.

Again, a massive thank you to our parent helpers. Our evenings off site would not be possible without your support.

Kaa, Littlewick Green (Sam Lewis)

SCOUT NEWS

SUMMER CAMP

Over Fifty Members of PG are away at their two-week summer camp.

The Scouts undertook a busy programme of activities.

Special Thank you goes to the leaders who managed to get time off work and to the parents who have helped us get away.



Photos are being updated on PG Photo gallery, while the Scouts are at camp, link on PG's web site or direct <https://pgscouts.photos/index.php?/category/214> Full report in Septembers PG Tips.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)

Littlewick Troop

We have had an easy-going end to the term. One meeting the scouts went paddle boarding at Taplow Lake, a wet evening. The following meeting the scouts made the most of the woods, we also checked tents for camp and held a water sports evening

Our final meeting of the term we gave Alba her Chief Scout Gold Award. We cover much of what is needed for Chief Scout Gold Awards during our normal programme and camps,

Winter Hill Troop

July has been another busy month, the Scouts finished off their mapping training, with taking part in a Clockwork Orienteering evening on the main green on the other side of Furze Platt road. We were lucky this year they had cut and bailed the grass early.

They also had a sports event evening on the green where they took part in a tug of war event as well as finishing off with a quiet! game of *Who Stole the Parson Cat*.

The Scouts also helped run a Beaver meeting, showing the Beavers how to put up a patrol tent, before telling them a story about camping...



The final meeting before camp the Scouts all helped to get out and check the camping equipment for summer camp.

Once the Scouts are back from camp, we will continue to meet during August, and hold **special meetings** on Friday evenings, for those Scouts who are not away.

Enjoy your Summer holidays.

Scout Leader Winter Hill (*Simon Wheeler*)